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FRIDAYS AFTER FIVE RETURN TO THE NATIONAL AQUARIUM ***General Admission prices take a dive to just \$8 every Friday night!***

Baltimore, MD (August 18, 2009) — The National Aquarium's popular community discount program, ***Fridays After Five***, returns on Friday, September 11. Every Friday evening through March guests entering the Aquarium between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. (exploring until 9:30 p.m.) will enjoy a low admission price of \$8.

This fall the Aquarium will also welcome the return of the cultural series programming that explores and celebrates international traditions in art, music, literature, dance, and cuisine. Starting in October, the first ***Fridays After Five*** of every month will feature special activities and performances honoring:

- October 2 : *Latino Heritage*
- November 6: *Native Cultures*
- December 4: *World Holiday Traditions*
- January 1: *Asian-Pacific Heritage*
- February 5: *African-American Heritage*
- March 5: *Global Women's Celebration*

Fridays After Five are a great way for local visitors to rediscover the wonders of the Aquarium's collection of over 16,000 magnificent animals, and explore new exhibits, like *Jellies Invasion: Oceans Out of Balance*, at a greatly reduced price.

Fridays After Five is supported by FOX 45 and CW Baltimore.

The National Aquarium, a non-profit organization, is Maryland's most exciting and popular cultural attraction, as well as one of the region's leading conservation and education resources. For close to three decades, it has been a symbol of urban renewal, an economic anchor for the region and a source of pride for Marylanders. It has enjoyed strong, reliable attendance since opening on August 8, 1981. With original attendance projections of 650,000 visitors per year, the National Aquarium has welcomed an average annual attendance of 1.5 million over the past 10 years. Through transforming experiences, the National Aquarium inspires people to enjoy, respect, and protect the aquatic world. It is dedicated to education and conservation through more than a dozen programs that serve the environment and the community.