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**PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM'S
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY – MARCH 2008**

Tuesday, Jan. 1

New Year's Day – Please Touch Museum is CLOSED

Wednesday, Jan. 2 – Monday, Jan. 28

Weekdays: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Weekends: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents "North Wind"

Based on the novel *Back of the North Wind* by George Nobel, this interactive play tells the tale of Diamond, who makes friends with the North Wind. The North Wind takes Diamond around the world in one night, showing him places and things most folks won't see in a lifetime! The show uses puppets, theatrical lighting and magic to draw the audience in.

January 3-29

Etch-a-Sketch Art Exhibit

January is "Toys and Play" month, and Please Touch is celebrating with a display of 25 artworks by Tim George, who takes Etch A Sketch drawing to a new level. "Mr. Etch A Sketch," as he's known, began drawing on the classic, red-edged toy in 1988, and he once spent five days on one portrait. George will be at the museum to greet families and sign copies of his new book, "Looking at Animals with Mr. Etch A Sketch," on Saturday, January 26, at 10 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 11

Please Touch Museum's Kids Construct exhibit re-opens!

Kids Construct is back for more fun with building. This 1,000 square foot, do-it-yourself exhibit contains four different areas designed for imaginative play. Activities within the exhibit include using kid friendly tools, building a plumbing system and finishing the outside of a treehouse. While "remodeling," children will experiment with cause and effect relationships and basic math and measuring skills. The exhibit will stay open until Please Touch Museum moves to Memorial Hall in the fall of 2008.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

6-8 p.m. Admission: \$5

Join us for Please Touch Museum's Open Parent Forum, a discussion of the importance of the family mission statement, building a family tree and introducing children to the members of their family. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Ramona Gaines at rgaines@pleasetouchmuseum.org or 215-963-0667 ext. 3111 to register. Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Parent Forum on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 from 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31-Friday, Feb. 29

Weekdays: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Weekends: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents "Scat Cat's Junior Jazz Jamboree"

This interactive show tells the "tail" of an everyday alley cat who happens upon "Max Roach" who teaches her the history of jazz. Max also introduces her to some of the well known artists who made it popular – Stingray Charles, Duck Ellington, and Piggy Lee.

Friday, Feb. 1-Friday, Feb. 29

Please Touch Museum's 16th Annual Junior Jazz Festival! This month-long celebration introduces young children to the wonderful world of jazz! Kids can dress up and perform on the jazz club stage, learn a bit of jazz history in a Please Touch Playhouse performance, and enjoy kid-friendly concerts every weekend in February. It's all free with museum admission. Sponsored by the Sunoco Foundation.

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 2 & 3

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble

One of Philadelphia's more innovative and progressive jazz groups has been a favorite fixture of Junior Jazz for more than a decade. Formed in 1979, the band has performed throughout the world and has recorded eight CDs of uniquely styled jazz originals and standard compositions.

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 9 & 10

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Chicago singer-songwriter Erin Flynn will get kids of all ages up and dancing along with her fun concerts! Backed up by a rockin' band, Flynn performs original music and traditional tunes with a twist.

Saturday, Feb. 16-Monday, Feb. 18

Luis "Louie" Miranda

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Louie Miranda is a family entertainer and educator who performs Latin jazz in highly interactive family-oriented concerts that blend sophisticated rhythms with inspiring lyrics to create music that teaches as it entertains. Over the years, Louie has become a visitors' favorite on the Please Touch stage.

Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 23 & 24

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Performer TBA

Saturday, Mar. 1-Monday, Mar. 31

Art All Around Us month!

Visitors can mimic the styles of some of the world's most famous artists. Daily activities will introduce children to the artists, their artistic styles, and significant moments in art history, all while having fun!

Saturday, Mar. 1-Saturday, Apr. 26

Weekdays: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Weekends: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents "The Great Blueness"

This interactive storytelling show is based on a book by renowned children's author Arnold Lobel. Through magic tricks, physical comedy, and audience participation, Colorus the Wizard introduces children to color identification and the science of mixing primary colors to produce secondary colors. Find out what happens when Colorus invents red, blue and yellow! The show also explores the effect of color on mood, and emphasizes that variety and diversity are an important part of enjoying life.

Saturday, Mar. 8

Yosi and The Super Dads perform their lively, energetic rock concert for children and families featuring original songs at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the theater.

Saturday, Mar. 15

The New Freedom Theatre, Pennsylvania's oldest African-American theater, takes the stage for an interactive show at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. A group of approximately 20 theater school children will perform "African Folktales," a program which combines music, dance, and storytelling.

Sunday, Mar. 23

The Give and Take Jugglers, a nationally recognized Philly juggling institution for several decades perform in the Atrium.

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Please Touch Museum® is dedicated to enriching the lives of children by providing learning opportunities through play. Recognized locally and nationally as one of the best children's museums, Please Touch is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.95 for adults and children age one and over. Children under one are free. For more information, please call 215-963-0667, visit our web site at www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.