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**PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM'S
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2007**

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Art, music, storytelling and playful theater performances are coming to Please Touch Museum this March and April, giving kids and their big people the chance to enjoy an entertaining and inventive museum visit. March is “Art is All Around Us” month in our Kids Creations activity center, as young visitors can mimic the styles of some of the world’s most famous artists – Jackson Pollock, Frida Kahlo and Alexander Calder. In April, we “Celebrate Stories” with group story times, daily art activities in which children can make their own storybooks, bookmarks, and ‘Wild Things’ based on Maurice Sendak’s classic book, *Where the Wild Things Are*, as well as interactive performances by Miss Kala and Mlanjeni Magical Theatre. “Celebrate Stories” is presented by The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation.

Two creative productions by Please Touch Museum’s own David Hutchman will ring in spring in the Please Touch Playhouse. The season will feature *There’s Something under my Bed*, (Mar. 3- Apr. 1), where children meet Sam, a brave young boy who overcomes his fear of the “monster” under his bed, and becomes friends with it in the end; and *The Building Show* (Apr. 4-May 28), also written by Hutchman, a show which engages children in building anything from houses to sandwiches with the help of Big Blue and his furry gang of hearty understudies.

All events, unless otherwise indicated, are free with paid admission to Please Touch Museum.

Thursday, March 1

10 a.m.

PHILADELPHIA READS “Read Across America” Kick Off Event

You’re never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child! March 2 is Dr. Seuss’s birthday and the 10th anniversary of the National Education Association’s “Read Across America Day” literacy campaign. Join special guests from PHILADELPHIA READS for some Seussical activities and learn how the city will take part in this special day of reading.

Friday, March 2

10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m.

To honor Ted Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss, on his 103rd birthday, we’ll read a different Dr. Seuss story every hour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents *There’s Something Under My Bed*

Monday-Friday, March 5-9

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents *There’s Something Under My Bed*

Saturday, March 10

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents There's Something Under My Bed

Sunday, March 11

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

Give and Take Jugglers

This family-oriented new vaudeville troupe combines juggling, comedy, and lots of audience participation to bring non-stop fun for the whole family. Performing full-time since 1982, the Jugglers have become a beloved fixture at events and attractions across the Delaware Valley.

Monday-Friday, March 12-16

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents There's Something Under My Bed

Friday, March 16

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please Touch Museum's 22nd Annual Book Award presentation ceremony at Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children (DVAEYC) conference at Pennsylvania Convention Center. This year's winners are *In the Fiddle Is a Song: A Lift-the-Flap Book of Hidden Potential* written and illustrated by Durga Bernhard (Age 3 and under) and *I Love Our Earth* by Bill Martin, Michael Sampson and photographer Dan Lipow (Age 4 to 7). Please Touch Museum's 22nd Annual Book Award is presented by the Albert M. Greenfield Foundation.

Saturday, March 17

12 p.m.

Appearance and book signing by Please Touch Museum's 22nd Annual Book Award winners Durga Bernhard (*In the Fiddle is a Song*), Michael Sampson and Dan Lipow (*I Love Our Earth*).

Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents There's Something Under My Bed

Monday-Friday, March 19-23

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents There's Something Under My Bed

Saturday, March 24

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

Punch & Judy

Guaranteed to tickle everyone's funny bone is award-winning magician and master puppeteer Professor Horn and his celebrated Punch & Judy puppet show. Considered the oldest show of its kind in America, this farcical puppet play began more than 100 years ago in Baltimore and is a small piece of Maryland's colorful history - not to mention hilarious fun. Today, Professor Horn continues that grand tradition with his unique comedy magic, melodies from a vintage music box, and of course, his clever puppet show.

Sunday, March 25

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents There's Something Under My Bed

Monday-Friday, March 26-30

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents There's Something Under My Bed

Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents There's Something Under My Bed

Monday, April 2

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Celebrate Stories month storytelling performance by Miss Kala.

Monday-Friday, April 2-6

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Saturday, April 7

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Sunday, April 8

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

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Monday, April 9

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Celebrate Stories month storytelling performance by Miss Kala.

Monday-Friday, April 9-13

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Wednesday, April 11

Crazy Hair Day!

Please Touch Museum gets follicly frenzied with story times featuring Barney Saltzberg's book Crazy Hair Day. Visitors can take part in activities that are both hair-raising and fun!

Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Monday, April 16

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Celebrate Stories month storytelling performance by Miss Kala.

Monday-Friday, April 16-20

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Tuesday, April 17

12 p.m.

Please Touch Museum presents a special appearance and book-signing by David Shannon, illustrator of the new book Pirates Don't Change Diapers. This hilarious companion to How I Became a Pirate reveals that minding the nursery can be even more terrifying than walking the plank--especially if you're

a pirate.

Saturday, April 21

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

Louie Miranda

Louie Miranda is a family entertainer and educator who performs highly interactive family-oriented concerts that blend sophisticated rhythms with inspiring lyrics to create music that teaches as it entertains.

Sunday, April 22

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Monday, April 23

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Celebrate Stories month storytelling performance by Miss Kala.

Monday-Friday, April 23-27

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

SPECIAL MEMBERS EVENT: Saturday, April 28

Please Touch Museum's Storybook Ball

5:30-7:30 p.m.

\$7 per person; reservations required

Dress up like a storybook character for a fun night at the annual Storybook Ball, a special event for Please Touch Museum members.

Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Monday, April 30

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Celebrate Stories with Mlanjeni Magical Theatre

Mlanjeni Magical Theatre combines storytelling and puppetry based in East African traditions. Hosted by storyteller Mlanjeni duma and his son Mr. Q, the imaginative show introduces young audiences to traditional African folk music, dance, magic and stories.

Monday, April 30-Friday, May 4

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

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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 \$9.95 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 or email us info@pleasetouchmuseum.org.