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PARENTS MAGAZINE NAMES PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM AMONG THE 10 BEST CHILDREN'S MUSEUMS IN THE NATION

Tons of cool stuff to touch, one-of-a-kind educational exhibits, and special events galore put these kid driven museums on top of our must-visit list.

NEW YORK, NY (February 7, 2011): *Parents* magazine today revealed the exclusive findings from its 10 Best Children's Museums survey. Kids would have a blast in any children's museum, but moms and dads are pickier, especially since planning a trip to a museum can involve a drive and admission fees. *Parents* researched children's museums to identify those with clever educational exhibits, mommy-and-me outings and festivals, healthy places for lunch, nursing areas, family restrooms and stroller parking.

Parents then worked with the 300-plus members of the Association of Children's Museums and eliminated those without a lot for kids under 3. Then the magazine asked the remaining museums questions to help decide the leaders. After tallying the scores, *Parents* went to local moms to ask for insider tips.

According to the *Parents* survey, the 10 Best Children's Museums are:

1. The Children's Museum of Houston
2. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis
- 3. Please Touch Museum, Philadelphia**
4. Boston Children's Museum
5. Madison Children's Museum
6. Kohl Children's Museum
7. Children's Museum of Pittsburgh
8. Children's Museum of Phoenix
9. National Museum of Play, Rochester, NY
10. Minnesota Children's Museum

For more information about all ten museums, go to <http://www.parents.com/fun/vacation/us-destinations/10-best-childrens-museums-2011/>.

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