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**GET INTO THE SWING OF SPRING, WITH JUNIOR JAZZ MONTH
THIS MAY**

4-week long family-friendly festival that introduces kids to jazz music moves to May

PHILADELPHIA, PA – It's time for Please Touch Museum's jazziest festival of the year! The Annual Junior Jazz Festival, the only area event to introduce young children to the wonderful world of jazz, is moving to May! Live music, theater performances, and educational activities will fill the museum for four weeks focusing on musical expression and the history of jazz.

Top kid-friendly musicians will take the stage of the museum's Playhouse on each weekend from May 7- May 29. Kids will also learn a bit of jazz history by taking in a Please Touch Playhouse performance of "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, Bunny Goodman, Louie Arm and Hammerstrong and Piggy Lee. "Scat Cat's Junior Jazz Jamboree" will be on the Please Touch Playhouse stage weekdays May 9th-June 10th, with performances Mondays- Fridays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. *Free with museum admission.*

Special Performance Schedule

Performances take place Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and Sundays at 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m. 3 p.m. in the Please Touch Playhouse Theater and are free with museum admission. *Schedule is subject to change. Free with museum admission.*

Saturday, May 7 & Sunday, May 8

Louie Miranda

Come kick off Jr. Jazz Month with Louie Miranda and his friends as they bring Latin Jazz to life! Brush up on your Spanish and put on your dancing shoes, because Louie will have you singing and dancing in no time! May 7th performances will be in Hamilton Hall at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 14 & Sunday, May 15

Tony Miceli Band

Have you ever seen a vibraphone? Now's your chance to check out this unique instrument - come see this group of professionals up close in the Playhouse Theater all weekend!

Saturday, May 21 & Sunday, May 22

Arpeggio

One of Philadelphia's most innovative and progressive jazz groups, Warren Oree and the Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble has been a favorite fixture of the Junior Jazz Festival for more than a decade, introducing young children to jazz with fun, interactive performances.

Saturday, May 28 & Sunday, May 29

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Please Touch Museum® at Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park 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 Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. -5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and children age one and over. Children under one are free. For more information, please call 215-581-3181, or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.