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**PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM'S
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY AND JUNE 2007**

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Storytelling, playful theater performances, a special exhibit, and celebrations of our moms and dads are coming to Please Touch Museum this May and June. Highlights include the return of the ABC Games (June 1–5), the debut of the traveling exhibit *Dragons & Fairies: Exploring Viet Nam through Folktales* (June 23–Sept. 9), and free admission for moms on Mother's Day (May 13) and for dads on Father's Day (June 17). We'll also dip into the museum's collection of classic toys to present our first PTM Car Show, featuring pedal cars from the 1950s and '60s.

In May, we continue to "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 storytelling performances by Mlanjeni Magical Theatre. Visitors can also view original watercolors by Durga Bernhard and photographs by Dan Lipow, which are featured in the 2007 Please Touch Museum Book Award winners, *In the Fiddle is a Song* and *I Love Our Earth*. "Celebrate Stories" is presented by The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation.

The Please Touch Playhouse will also be hopping with activity this spring. First up is *The Building Show* (May 2–June 19), which engages children in building anything from houses to sandwiches with the help of Big Blue and his furry gang of hearty understudies, who must step in as builders when The Three Little Pigs fail to show up for work. On June 23, the Playhouse will premiere *From the Sea to the Sky*, an original interpretation of traditional Vietnamese folk tales adapted for young audiences. All events, unless otherwise indicated, are free with paid admission to Please Touch Museum.

Wednesday, May 2–Friday, May 4

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents *The Building Show*

Monday, May 7

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.

Tuesday–Friday, May 8-11

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents *The Building Show*

Saturday and Sunday, May 12–13

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents *The Building Show*

Sunday, May 13

Mothers Day–Moms FREE all day!
Celebrate your family by making a family tree.

Monday, May 14

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Celebrate Stories with Mlanjeni Magical Theatre

Tuesday–Friday, May 15-18

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Saturday, May 19

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Sunday, May 20

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, May 21

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Celebrate Stories with Mlanjeni Magical Theatre

Tuesday–Friday, May 22-25

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27

Teddy Bear Picnic Weekend!
10 a.m. – Big Paw Prints – Practice printmaking with a beary big paw stamp!
11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. – Magician Tom McDonnell
12 p.m. – Teddy Bear Picnic – Join Please Touch Museum's very own Papa Bear as we celebrate the joy of spring and welcome all those hibernating bears out to play! Storytellers will delight the crowd with bear tales.
- Teddy Bear Portraits – Draw a picture of your teddy bear or other favorite pal
2 p.m. – Story time in the Story Garden

Monday–Thursday, May 28-31

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Friday, June 1–Tuesday, June 5

Please Touch Museum's Seventh Annual ABC Games
Summer and sports go hand in hand at Please Touch! Join us for five days of games that encourage sportsmanship, physical activity and fun! Play Feed the Frog Mini Golf, Thor's Hammer or be the World's Strongest Kid!

Sunday, June 3

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.

Monday–Friday, June 4-8

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Saturday and Sunday, June 9–10

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Monday-Friday, June 11–15

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Saturday and Sunday, June 16–17

First Annual Please Touch Museum Car Show

Special for Father's Day Weekend, step back in time to the glory days of pedal cars and view the museum's collection of classic kids vehicles on the gallery floor.

Sunday, June 17

Fathers Day- Dads FREE all day!

10 a.m. – Shaving Cream Painting

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - Magician Tom McDonnell

2 p.m. – Make a Family Tree

Monday–Tuesday, June 18–19

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents The Building Show

Saturday, June 23

Dragons & Fairies: Exploring Viet Nam through Folktales exhibit opens!

This nationally traveling exhibit will be in Philadelphia through Sept. 9, providing a number of hands-on, interactive learning about the daily experiences and culture of the Vietnamese people. The exhibit flows through five "folktale theatres," partially enclosed structures where families view multi-media presentations of popular folktales from Viet Nam. Kids can try on masks and traditional clothing, perform a Dragon dance and play games.

Saturday and Sunday, June 23–24

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

Please Touch Playhouse presents From the Sea to the Sky

Monday–Friday, June 25–29

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents From the Sea to the Sky

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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, or visit our web site at www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.