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Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History & Science January 2002

5th Day Annual Gala Fundraising Event a Big Success for The Children's Museum

The Children's Museum Board & Staff, along with Honorary Chairs County Executive Ralph Eannace, Utica Mayor Tim Julian, and Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito greeted attendees at our annual 5th Day gala. Congressman Sherry Boehlert attended, donating dinner for 2 and a flag that flew over the capital as raffle items. From 6:30-9:00pm, attendees



browsed through 100's of Silent Auction Items while enjoying catered food, beverages, & Vinny Esposito's music.

From 9:00pm to midnight, attendees enjoyed dessert and more beverages while dancing

to the music of Holi-daye. The best of the community's best supported Central New York's only Children's Museum while enjoying a fun evening! Dozens of local companies

placed their Ads in our 5th Ad book, and 100's donated gifts for the silent auction. Thanks to all who made the evening such an enjoyable success.

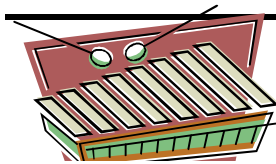
Check our website for pictures of the event.

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Come see our new Musical exhibit!

The Children's Museum of Utica recently unveiled a new exhibit, "Fun with Percussion". A completely interactive exhibit which encourages both young and old to explore the unique sounds of percussion instruments designed from

New Musical Exhibit and New Art Exhibit at Children's Museum + !

various materials ranging from bolts and wrenches to wood 2x4s. Created by well known Museum music designer, Jim Doble, the exhibit is fun for the musically challenged and inclined.

"This is the start of the Museum becoming even more of a hands-on museum", stated Marlene Brown, Chair-

man of the Board, "We are excited with the reaction that we have received so far from the public with this exhibit". Among others, the exhibit features such instruments as a boltaphone, a wrenchaphone and an Amadinda. All exhibits have been designed to be accessible for all ages. The exhibit will be a permanent part of the museum. Come play!

Also new to the Museum is an Art Exhibit, featuring the works of Mary Ziomek Chamberlain, on display on the 3rd floor.

Plus, we have the networked computers with educational games hooked up on the 3rd floor.

Don't forget our new dinosaur bird on the 2nd floor. Look forward to additional new exhibits!

Things You Can Count On & Things that are New!

Listed below are the activities that run each week unless noted:

Tuesday's at 11:00am—

STORYTIME FUN, an interactive experience for children, parents, and caregivers, learning about letters, colors, numbers, pre-historic animals, pets, holidays.

Wednesday's at 10:30am—

MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS, a fun musical program designed for toe-tappin' toddlers. Sing & dance to

favorite tunes, march along with favorite instruments. A special surprise stuffed animal ending!

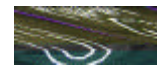
Thursday's at 10:30am—

ARTS & CRAFTS, a hands-on fun and interactive art time at the Museum. Come and create a new craft each week. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

WEBSITE NEWS: We've posted names of the Sponsors who've invested in the community's children

by helping the Children's Museum grow. "Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are then more likely to stay and support the community they grew up in".

CONTEST: Help the children fill out our fun contest of the month & qualify for a free CM t-shirt!



A CM Family Membership is Only \$40. until Feb 1st! Renew Now!



Children's Museum memberships make great gifts. Membership includes discounts at the gift shop, Fingerprints, and the exciting & ever changing fun of learning. Renew, become a member, or purchase a membership for someone else! Forms are available in our museum and on our website.

We've kept our prices low, but as of February 1st a family membership will increase to \$45. Still a great bargain, but you've got time to save if you act now!

In addition to the many folks from throughout CNY who regularly visit the Children's Museum, *this past month* saw

visitors from Texas, Florida, New Jersey, Vermont, New Hampshire, Boston, Las Vegas, San Diego, Germany, & Italy!

Join our cosmic perspective on life: past, present, future.

In addition to our new musical exhibit & Dinosaur bird, coming soon is the Utica Fire Dept artifacts exhibit, and a Make It Move Gravity Wall!

Become A CM Hero Volunteer or Corporate Member

We welcome volunteers to help with our many activities. There's no greater reward than helping the children. What can you volunteer for? Helping out with regularly scheduled programs. Offering a program in your own area of talent or interest. Helping keep the museum in ship-shape condition, using your area of expertise, donating exhibits, art supplies, other edu-

cational items of value. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as we continue to serve the children.



A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. The kids that come to

the Children's Museum are the ones that grow up and shape our community.

Our levels of corporate sponsors include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, & a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and we welcome your donations & your support as we continue to grow!

January '02 Calendar

This service is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. Thank you also to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for funds provided through the Herkimer County Youth Bureau to support the Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		<p>1 ▶ Museum <i>Closed for Holiday</i></p>	<p>2 ▶ 10:30am Music for Munchkins</p>	<p>3 ▶ 10:30am Arts & Crafts</p>	<p>4 ▶ Explore our fun & educational exhibits</p>	<p>5 ▶ Visit living science, his- tory, explora- tion & play space areas</p>
<p>6 ▶ Museum <i>Open 12-4</i></p>	<p>7 ▶ Museum <i>Closed</i></p>	<p>8 ▶ 10:30am Storytime Fun</p>	<p>9 ▶ 10:30am Music for Munchkins</p>	<p>10 ▶ 10:30am Arts & Crafts</p>	<p>11 ▶ Explore our fun & educational exhibits</p>	<p>12 ▶ Visit living science, his- tory, explora- tion & play space areas</p>
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<p>20 ▶ Museum <i>Open 12-4</i></p>	<p>21 ▶ Museum <i>Open 10-4 MLK holiday</i></p>	<p>22 ▶ 10:30am Storytime Fun</p>	<p>23 ▶ 10:30am Music for Munchkins</p>	<p>24 ▶ 10:30am Arts & Crafts</p>	<p>25 ▶ Explore fun & educ exhibits</p>	<p>26 ▶ View sci- ence, history, exploration, play areas</p>
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Join the many local families & groups who book their *birthday & event parties* at the Children's Museum, and the schools throughout CNY who book *educational field trips* at the Museum! Ask about the various theme birthday parties and the popular educational programs we offer. Check our website, call us at 315-724-6129, or visit us.



While visiting, here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Playspace, Exploration Space, Saturn car, Musical exhibit & Trains; *2nd floor* - the Iroquois Longhouse, Dioramas, Fossils, & Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - the Living Science Center, Computers, Bicycle Exhibit, & Weather Station.

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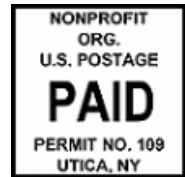
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Museum Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 10:00am to 4:30pm;
Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm;
Saturday 10:00am to 4:30pm
Sunday 12:00pm to 4:00pm
(unless noted on Calendar)

Admission:

\$3.50 per person, Members plus
children 9 months & under Free



Children's Museum
Community Heroes



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Important Info in Jan. 2002 Issue

- ☺ Our Annual 5th Day benefit a success
- ☺ New Musical & Art Exhibits
- ☺ Things You Can Count On & Sponsors
- ☺ School Educational Field Trips
- ☺ Birthday & Holiday Parties
- ☺ Family & Corporate Memberships
- ☺ Our Calendar of Events
- ☺ Welcome New Members, Happy B-days!



Welcome our New & Renewed Members!

Patron Members:

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Parker & Evan

Family Members:

Yael & Eric Aronoff

Stephanie & Philip Sacco

Mary Jo & Michael Sirohman

Melissa & Scott Whitehead

Catherine Small & David Giglio

Laura & Richard Miller

Your name next month?

Become a CM member!



December Birthdays

Brandon Weber, 6 yrs old

Dylan Flannigan, 6 yrs old

Henna Patel, 9 yrs old

Emma Jo Fonner, 4 yrs old

Your child next month?

Book your party now!



Board of Directors—Officers:

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Robert Deschano, Treasurer

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Matt Renninger, John Stephenson

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