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THE NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 2012 SUMMER CAMP AND TEEN WORKSHOP SERIES DESIGNED TO SPARK IMAGINATION

Sessions: June 18 – August 17

March 19, 2012 — San Diego — From hip-hop to hula hoop and from print making to piñatas, summer camps at The New Children's Museum blend art-making fun with creative skill building. This year's roster of more than twenty camp sessions is led by professional artists and educators who inspire and facilitate the creative process. New additions this year are *Camps for Littles* focusing on Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, *Art Invasion Workshops for Teens* and *Extended Care* for after 4 pm.

All programs are designed to spark imagination and embrace creativity and of course, have fun! A complete schedule, registration information and bios on the professional artists and educators can be found at thinkplaycreate.org/education.

2012 Summer Camps and Teen Workshop Highlights

NEW: Camps for Littles: Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

Morning and afternoon camps: \$150–170 member/ \$175–190 non-member

These week-long camps promise a unique adventure that includes opportunities to make art, experiment, engage, discover, invent, make-believe and (of course) learn! This series is for children who have had some school or day-care experience. Apologies, children in diapers or pull-ups cannot be enrolled.

Garden Art: June 18–22 | 9am–1pm

Nature lovers can get their hands (and everything else!) dirty while exploring art-making with a natural twist! Learn about all of our garden friends while working on projects inspired by and made from natural materials.

Adventures in Technicolor: June 25–29 | 9am–1pm

Jump feet-first into all things color! Campers will delight in experimenting with all mediums of color while making art, role-playing, and working with wildly interactive and non-traditional techniques.

Storybook Art: July 2–6 (4 days only, closed July 4th) | 9am–1pm

Favorite stories are brought to life! Campers will immerse themselves in a new book each day by creating inspired art ranging from traditional and contemporary art to song and dance, and everything in between!

Hip-Hop Dance: August 13–17 | 9am-1pm

This fun, active, and engaging camp will keep campers dancing! Kids will learn basic and fun hip-hop dance moves, work on coordination and collaboration, and put together and perform a super-cool routine on the last day of camp!

Afternoon Party

This all-about-fun afternoon party gets the littles out and about in the museum and in the park for some guided games and activities led by trained museum staff.

Creativity Rules Camps: Grades 1–3 & Grades 4–6

Half and full day camps: \$270 member/\$300 non-member

The *Creativity Rules* camp series encourages kids to form new habits of mind, use a creative approach, ask questions, and (of course) have fun! Each camp focuses on a unique and highly innovative approach to the artistic process designed and guided by working, contemporary artists from the community.

> Grades 1–3

Hula Hoop Dance - Artist: Valentina Martin

June 18–22 | 9am–4pm

Hoop dance is a revolutionary new form of expression, exercise, and performance art! Design your own hoops while learning color theory, practice kid-friendly yoga, learn tricks and dance, and create a theatrical hoop performance for the last day of camp! Emphasis will be placed on confidence-building, color theory, expression, cultural connections, and even math!

The Wonders of Papermaking - Artist: Marisol Rendon

June 25–29 | 9am–4pm

Make and explore the different possibilities of handmade paper using unconventional materials such as pineapple skin pulp, banana leaf pulp; carrot, beats, or radish slices. By making different size sheets with different colors and textures, campers will create, draw on, model, fold, and cast figures to take home!

Create It: Pen, Ink & Watercolor - Artist: Lori Mitchell

July 2–6 (4 days only, closed July 4th) | 9am–4pm

Learn drawing techniques with a professional children's book illustrator! This camp features fun exercises, quick and simple drawing techniques and color mixing and theory. Get the chance to work with different styles of pen & ink drawing and watercolor to make beautiful illustrations.

Wild & Crazy Creatures from the Sea! - Artist: Liz Siskowic

July 9–13 | 9am–4pm

Taking cues from fantastical story books, campers will create imaginative art projects as they explore drawing, painting, sculpting, and papier-maché. This camp offers inspirational readings, lots of art-making, the freedom to create, and the chance to get messy!

Fun with Food - Artist: Maxi Moraga

July 16–20 | 9am–4pm

Make eating healthy fun! Campers will travel up and down the food pyramid as they explore fun preparation techniques, artistic plating, and healthy creations from popsicles to pizza. Create a take-home recipe book and a fun picnic to enjoy on the last day of camp!

What is That? - Artists: Ardina Greco & Mark Dzula (Jukebox Radio)

July 30–August 3 | 9am–4pm

Create sculptural combinations, surprising collages, and kooky shadow constructions while repurposing and reimagining discarded objects with the super-fun children’s performance group, Jukebox Radio! Campers will develop a creative performance for the last day of camp.

Shorty ‘n’ Me - Artist: Catalina Shoate

August 6–10 | 9am–4pm

Learn some serious moves with Culture Shock dance instructor, Catalina Shoate! Experiment with basic hip hop dance skills and take part in a variety of activities that encourage expression and promote self-confidence. A routine will be produced and performed on the last day of camp.

> Grades 4-6

Rock ‘em Sock ‘em Robots - Artist: Ingram Ober

June 18–22 | 9am–4pm

Create robot sculptures! Learn how to create “humanoid” structures in 2D and transform those designs into a 3D form using Styrofoam. Campers will learn the basics of mold-making, metal casting, and “investing” models. The artist will cast each mold in aluminum, and the campers will break open the investments to expose their shiny new robot sculptures!

Hula Hoop Dance - Artist: Valentina Martin

July 9–13 | 9am–4pm

(see above)

Make It to Break It: Piñatas! - Artist: Natalie Godinez

July 16–20 | 9am–4pm

Learn techniques to make small and simple piñatas using papier-maché, cardboard, and decorative elements — and take them home to share with the family! After mastering piñata making techniques, campers will work together to create a large scale piñata to break and enjoy on the last day of camp.

Cardboard Crazy! - Artist: Albert Songalia

July 23–27 | 9am–4pm

Combining art with conceptual and technical design, imagine and create wild creatures, costumes, robots, or toys made from reclaimed cardboard! Incorporating techniques to create articulated arms, legs, and functional accessories, campers will work on individual projects to hone their craft and collaborate on a large piece.

Camera, Play, Performance! - Artists: Ash Eliza Smith & Christine Herde

July 30–August 3 | 9am–4pm

Re-imagine yourself, your space, and your stuff while using improv, photography, video, stop-motion animation — and your imagination. Become a director and performer while working with

different settings, points of view, and performance techniques to create a unique performance and movie screening for the last day of camp! (All equipment is provided, but feel free to bring your own.)

Printmaking Possibilities - Artist: Amber George

August 6–10 | 9am–4pm

Learn a variety of printmaking techniques including monotype, collagraph, and linoleum block, to make original works on paper. Each technique yields a unique look — combined together, the possibilities are unlimited! Each camper will be encouraged to explore their own unique ideas.

NEW: Art Invasion Workshops for Teens: July 16 – August 17

Half and full day camps: \$200–250 member/ \$220–280 non-member

Art Invasion Workshops offer teens an opportunity to work directly with contemporary artists on focused and in-depth art projects in a variety of media. Participants will learn new techniques and innovative approaches to contemporary art while bolstering their creative skills and meeting other like-minded teens.

Photography through Your Eyes - Artist: Amanda Dahlgren

July 16–20 | 9am–1pm

Explore what it means to be “you” through various photography-related processes. This class will guide you through imaginative and alternative photographic processes and work collaboratively in the presentation of an exhibition showcasing each participant’s work. Please bring your camera.

Hack! - Artist: Rob Duarte

July 23–27 | 9am–3pm

Transform the function and appearance of electronic toys to create crazy, new noise-instruments. Start by choosing toys, take them apart and examine their guts to understand how they produce their sounds. Next, rewire and reinvent them to create new, twisted musical instruments. Finally, give the instrument a new look before we document the results in a video.

Wearable Eco-Art - Artist: Emily Grace Goodrich

July 30–August 3 | 9am–1pm

Envision and assemble amazingly intricate and beautiful jewelry and accessories constructed from alternate and recycled materials — perfect for guys and girls! Participants will get a basic introduction to jewelry fabrication techniques and sewing and learn about envisioning and developing alternate uses for materials as well as explore the work of leading “eco” designers.

Altered States - Artist: Joshua Krause

August 6–10 | 9am–3pm

Using a variety of media and techniques, experiment with discarded books and transform them into artworks that encompass a theme. Each book becomes the canvas for new ideas and images — acting only as the inspiration for the final piece.

The Power of Objects - Artist: Lindsay Preston Zappas

August 13–17 | 9am–1pm

Focusing on the language and art of objects, spend the week creating and curating a themed collection to explore the dialogue that objects can have with each other. Students will create a sculptural display to house their collections as a finished piece.

About the Exhibition

TRASH features the work of 12 artists from around the globe focused on the kid-friendly and timely topic of trash. Through inventive, participatory artworks, the exhibition invites families to explore new perspectives and help shape the future. *TRASH* empowers kids to take the lead in their families on talking about environmental and social issues, such as landfills, waste disposal and The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

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ABOUT THE NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The New Children's Museum is a dynamic new model of a museum that provides inventive and engaging art experiences that are meaningful to children and families. NCM brings families together in a rich educational environment that fosters creativity — blending elements of art museum, children's museum, and community center.

A non-profit institution funded by admissions, memberships, and community support, the Museum stimulates imagination, inquisitiveness and innovative thinking by exhibiting participatory works of art by contemporary artists and providing a venue for art making and play. Serving all ages, from toddler to teen, NCM inspires new ways to see the world through the language of art. To learn more, visit thinkplaycreate.org/pressroom.

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