



the new children's museum

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**THE NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM WELCOMES NEW KID FRIENDLY TALENT TO
'SHAKE & SHOUT FAMILY FESTIVAL,' SATURDAY APRIL 9**

All day event features The Lindley Lopez Circus, Culture Shock and Birdie's Playhouse

March 25, 2011 — San Diego — Dynamic musical talent, dance crews, and unique performers will take the stage for a fun-filled day of award-winning entertainment at [The New Children's Museum](#) on Saturday, April 9. From urban dance with Culture Shock to circus arts with The Lindley Lopez Circus, the [Shake & Shout Family Festival](#) appeals to kids and adults alike. Additional performances include Birdie's Playhouse, Aaron Nigel Smith, and San Diego Young Gunz. Free with Museum admission.

"We call ourselves The New Children's Museum because there's always something new," explains museum executive director Rachel Teagle. "Building on a language of art, NCM offers families new experiences to inspire creativity through dance, music, and performance at our community events. We are delighted to welcome such a diverse array of talent and invite the community to join us in a day of family and fun."

BIRDIE'S PLAYHOUSE, 10:30–11:30AM

Ages 6 and under, all welcome

[Birdie's Playhouse](#) is the creation of singer and songwriter Michele Moreno (known as Birdie) who has a lifelong passion for music and acting. She performed as a backup singer for Ray Charles and has collaborated on multiple television and film scores. Michele's debut kids music CD "The Wild World of Wildlife," has won a NAPPA Gold & Parent's Choice award and continues to be featured on several internet radio shows. Joined by guitarist Nick Naranja, her performance will incorporate song with animal puppets and a box drum.

FUTURE SHOCK SAN DIEGO, 11:30AM–12:30PM

Ages 6–12, all welcome

[Future Shock San Diego](#) is an apprentice company that provides youth ages 17 and under with substantial experience studying and performing urban dance forms. Mentored by the professional Culture Shock troupe, the family environment fosters teamwork, respect, and positive self-expression. Future Shock dancers are required to maintain satisfactory grade point averages and participate regularly in local community events. Their performances often draw large and diverse audiences and are applauded for their high level of technical and artistic excellence.

AARON NIGEL SMITH, 12:30 – 1:30PM

Ages 5–9, all welcome

[Aaron Nigel Smith](#) and his three-piece band, The Fundamentals, return to the Museum for an inspiring and lively show for the entire family. Smith's performances focus on getting kids to move through up-tempo beats. He has been nationally recognized for his fun-filled performances and has received numerous awards, including the National Parenting Publications Awards and iParenting Media Awards. Smith is one of the key players on the Emmy Award winning PBS Kids show, "Between the Lions." His songs have been described as some of the best-targeted music for kids today. Smith also plays guitar and a variety of percussion instruments.

THE LINDLEY LOPEZ CIRCUS, 1:30 – 2:30pm

All ages

[The Lindley Lopez Circus](#) is locally based out of the Sophia Isadora Academy of Circus Arts, a traditional circus arts school in San Diego. With roots in traditional and new circus as well as the theater arts, the performance troupe has amazed audiences young and old through acrobatics, aerial acts, and artistic feats. The Lindley Lopez Circus will perform "Alice in Circusland," combining the magic of the circus with the classic fantasies of Lewis Carroll. Families can explore a whimsical world where rabbits talk, caterpillars contort, and cats fly!

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SAN DIEGO YOUNG GUNZ, 2:30 – 3:30PM

Ages 6–12, all welcome

The San Diego Young Gunz are a local crew of talented school aged b-boys and b-girls who love dancing, being a part of a team, and most of all having fun!

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ABOUT THE NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The New Children's Museum is a dynamic new model of a museum that celebrates children and the arts. A non-profit institution funded by admissions, memberships, and community support, the Museum empowers children to think, play and create through participatory exhibitions, engaging art-making activities, captivating artistic performances, and in-depth educational opportunities. 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.