



the new children's museum

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THE NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM PREPARING FOR DEPARTURE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RACHEL TEAGLE

June 29, 2011 — San Diego — Executive Director Rachel Teagle, PhD announced that she plans to leave [The New Children's Museum](#) at the end of 2011 after the opening of NCM's third thematic exhibition, the culmination of her four and a half year tenure at the museum.

"It has been a difficult and very personal decision to find the 'right' time for my family to move on," said Teagle. "After completing our \$10,000,000 Community Challenge fundraising campaign, after retiring our construction debt last December, and with the launch of *TRASH*, an exhibition that will drive NCM's program for the next two years; Fall 2011 is a time when I can leave NCM knowing that I have made a substantial contribution and when my departure will provide an opportunity for institutional growth and advancement. I will always be involved in NCM, and I will find new ways to stay connected to an institution I love."

Dr. Teagle remains executive director during the museum's busy summer season, its annual fundraising gala and the opening of *TRASH* on October 16. The long lead-time of her announcement allows her to help transition institutional leadership as the board selects a new director.

"Rachel has done an amazing job during her tenure here at NCM and all of the accomplishments we have enjoyed are a tribute to her dedication and passion for our organization," states Museum Board President Mitch Mitchell. "She has truly set the right tone for us as we begin to focus on accomplishing the next set of strategic initiatives and we will be forever grateful for all her contributions to our NCM family."

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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.