

# Press Release

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## January and February Programs Spotlight Creativity and Learning at DuPage Children's Museum

(Naperville, IL) – DuPage Children's Museum announces its winter line-up of activities, performances and classes that will be happening in the Museum during the months of January and February.

Creativity Classes are designed to foster children's joyful learning about the world and themselves and illustrate for parents how to support their children's learning. Registration closes one week prior to the start of most classes, and classes fill quickly. To register for the classes or arrange accommodations for special needs, call (630) 637-8000, ext. 0 or register on-line by visiting the Museum's Web site at [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org).

Tiny Great Performances, Family Fun Friday Nights and other events listed are free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission, and no pre-registration is required.

### **Programs for January 2010:**

**Winter Creativity Class: Toe Tappers**, a Hop 'n' Bop™ Series Class  
Jan. 8, 2010; 10-10:30 a.m.

Toddlers from 18 to 24 months try baby-sized taps on their shoes to explore the connection between dancing and walking in rhythm. Gross motor skills, rhythm, patterns and sequencing, spatial visualization, creativity and artistic expression.

Fee: Member/Child Partner \$12; Nonmember/Child Partner \$18. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register on-line or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

**Cub Scout Program: Scientist**  
Jan. 8, 2010; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Webelos (4th and 5th grades) can work on their Scientist Badges. Study Bernoulli's Principle, play with inertia and balance and have fun with optical illusions. Bring the Cub Scout den or the whole pack to work on age-appropriate activities and have fun while learning. Adults must stay with the Scouts. As a bonus, you can stay and play in the Museum. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. To register, call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

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**Winter Creativity Class: Kids Design Engineering**

Jan. 8, 2010; 6–7 p.m.

Children ages 6–9 will integrate science, math, art and technology to solve fun engineering challenges while making their own special take-home project.

Children may attend this class on their own, but must be dropped off and picked up by an adult at the classroom. Fee: Member \$14; Nonmember \$20. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register on-line or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

**Family Fun Friday Night: Beach Party**

Jan. 8, 2010; 6 p.m.

Say good-bye to your winter coats and earmuffs for an evening at our fun and festive Beach Party. Pretend it is eighty degrees and sunny as we relax into beach-themed activities, snacks and music. Bring your beach towel and wear your hula skirt for a night away from winter at DuPage Children's Museum's Beach Party. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

**Tiny Great Performances: Tropical Sound Steel Drum - Caribbean Music**

Jan. 9, 2010; 10:30 a.m.- noon

Be taken to the Caribbean with the spirited essence of Tropical Sound. Playing a variety of songs from Jimmy Buffet to Bob Marley to traditional steel band songs, Dave Seagen, with his Tropical Sound Steel Pan, and Bill Czerny, with his guitar, bring the spirit and essence of the Caribbean to life. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

**Winter Creativity Class: Tropical Art, a Start in Art™ Series Class**

Jan. 13, 2010; 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Inspired by tropical colors, children ages 2 – 3 will paint, sculpt and glue to create hot colorful art as they engage their creativity, knowledge of color and materials, artistic expression and fine motor skills. Fee: Member/Child Partner \$14; Nonmember/Child Partner \$20. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register on-line or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

**Family Fun Friday Night: Movie Night**

Jan. 15, 2010; 6 p.m.

Movie Night is back. Lie back and relax with the entire family for a special showing of a selection of short films on our large projector screen. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

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### **New Shadow Playground Exhibit Opens**

Jan 16, 2010; 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The lights come up so the shadows can play in DuPage Children's Museum's new "Shadow Playground," where children can 'shadow dance' for their audience, moving whimsical props that transform shadow worlds and spur dramatic play. At the *Shadow Town* exhibit, visitors can position buildings, vehicles, people and pets to see how shadow sizes and shapes morph when the position of the lights changes. Shadow Playground offers new and unique opportunities to explore and discover some basic physics principles, apply scientific – and arts – methods and experiment with one of nature's most beautiful effects. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

### **Cub Scout Overnight in DuPage Children's Museum**

Jan. 16-17, 2010; 7 p.m. – 8 a.m.

Cub Scouts of all ages, from Tiger to Wolf to Bear to Webelos, are invited to a sleepover at DuPage Children's Museum. See the Museum as no one else does. Lots of pre-bedtime activities to maximize the fun. Then roll out the bags to sleep among the exhibits. An evening snack and breakfast will be served. Fees: \$30 per Scout; \$20 per adult. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Call 630-637-8000 ext. 0 for more information and make your reservation now.

### **Winter Creativity Class: Hot Colors, a My First Mess™ Series Class**

Jan. 19, 2010; 9:30-10 a.m.

Children ages 18 to 24 months warm up with this "ode to summer" in paint. Experiment with oranges, reds and yellows using paints, water and oil pastels. Fine motor skills, color, knowledge of material, creative thinking and art skills. Fee: Member/Child Partner \$12; Nonmember/Child Partner \$18. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register on-line or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

### **Third Thursdays**

Jan 21, 2010; 5-7 p.m.

Third Thursdays at DuPage Children's Museum are special times once a month for families of children with autism spectrum disorder, visual and mobility impairments to come play at the Museum during a typically quieter time, even though it is open to the public. Exhibits work on language development, social skills and purposeful play. Photo books and other aids are available to help visitors structure their experience.

### **Family Fun Friday Night: Kidz Kabaret**

Jan 22, 2010; 6 p.m.

Kidz Kabaret offers a spectacular performance by members of the child and teen theater group. Feel and be a part of the liveliness and excitement as the cast brings its unique style and play to life. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

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**Tiny Great Performances: Paul Abella Trio – Jazz**

Jan 23, 2010; 10:30 a.m.-noon

DCM favorites – Paul Abella, Mitch Corso and Bob Ferraris –make jazz fun. Each member offers an incomparable knowledge and passion for the music. These incredibly talented musicians jam to a mix of well-known jazz tunes and self-written compositions and give familiar nursery rhymes a cool, jazz interpretation. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

**Family Fun Friday Night: Theatre Central**

Jan 29, 2010; 6 p.m.

Naperville Central's Theatre Central Children's Theater will provide an interactive performance of *To Adventure!*, an original comedic performance that allows the audience to join in on elements of the performance. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

**Programs for February 2010:**

**Winter Creativity Class: Dirt Sculptures, a Start in Art™ Series Class**

Feb. 2, 2010; 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Children ages 2-3 celebrate Groundhog Day by playing with dirt. They'll experiment with dry and wet dirt to create sculptures and prints, engaging their creativity, problem solving, knowledge of materials and fine motor skills. Fee: Member/Child Partner \$14; Nonmember/Child Partner \$20. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register on-line or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

**Winter Creativity Class: Rocking Rhythms, a Hop 'n' Bop™ Series Class**

Feb. 5, 2010; 9:30-10 a.m.

Children ages 18 to 24 months hop to the beat and bop on their feet. Toddlers experience rhythm, music and motion in this lively class using their gross motor skills, rhythm, patterns and sequencing, spatial visualization, creativity and artistic expression. Fee: Member/Child Partner \$12; Nonmember/Child Partner \$18. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register on-line or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

**Winter Creativity Class: Acting Performance**

Feb. 5, 2010; 6 – 7 p.m.

Children ages 6 –9 discover the wonders of theater and acting techniques in an acting performance class led by faculty from The School of Performing Arts. Children may attend this class on their own, but must be dropped off and picked up by an adult at the classroom. Fee: Member \$14; Nonmember \$20. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register on-line or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

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**Tiny Great Performances: DuPage Symphony Orchestra – Brass Quintet**

Feb 6, 2010; 10:30 a.m.-noon

Experience the elegance and power of the DuPage Symphony Brass Quintet throughout DuPage Children's Museum. Take in the beauty of the performance, excitement of the sounds and vibrancy of the melody from a seat unattainable at traditional performances. Introduce even your youngest children to the magic of the orchestra at this enchanting Saturday morning performance. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

**Cub Scout Program: Feed the Birds**

Feb. 12, 2010; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Tigers (1st grade) will create some eco-friendly ways to feed the hungry birds this winter. Fee: \$9 per Scout, \$5 per Adult. Bring the Cub Scout den or the whole pack to work on age-appropriate activities and have fun while learning. Adults must stay with the Scouts. As a bonus, you can stay and play in the Museum. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. To register call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

**Family Fun Friday Night: Arya Dance Academy**

Feb 12, 2010; 6 p.m.

Join us for an evening with the Arya Dance Academy and enjoy an enchanting performance from this beautiful Indian dance academy. You will discover a few of the movements and their meanings, such as the different animals portrayed through dance. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

**Third Thursdays**

Feb 18, 2010; 5-7 p.m.

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**Cub Scout Program: Electricity**

Feb. 19, 2010; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Bears (3rd grade) will experiment with electrical circuits and make an electromagnet of their own. Fee: \$9 per Scout, \$5 per Adult. Bring the Cub Scout den or the whole pack to work on age-appropriate activities and have fun while learning. Adults must stay with the Scouts. As a bonus, you can stay and play in the Museum. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. To register, call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

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**Family Fun Friday Night: Story Reading and PJ Party**

Feb. 19, 2010; 6 p.m.

Come and join us in your pajamas for a night of story reading and fun at the Museum. It is kind of like a slumber party (except we won't be sleeping, we will be playing!) So invite your family and friends to this PJ Party extravaganza. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

**Tiny Great Performances: Carlyn Lloyd & Jon Warfel, Flute and Piano**

Feb. 20, 2010; 10:30 a.m.- noon

Carlyn Lloyd & Jon Warfel offer an enticing performance that has enthralled audiences of all ages throughout the country. This dynamic flute/piano duet offers a wide range of experiences, offering something for everyone from classical to contemporary, oldies to popular favorites. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

**Winter Creativity Class: Light & Shadows, a Start in Science™ Series Class**

Feb. 24, 2010; 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Children ages 2 – 3 will explore the world of shadows using flashlights, backlighting and puppets, engaging their creativity, higher-order thinking, problem solving and knowledge of science. Fee: Member/Child Partner \$14; Nonmember/Child Partner \$20. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register on-line or call 630-637-8000 ext. 0.

**Family Fun Friday Night: Out of this World Costume Party**

Feb 26, 2010; 6 p.m.

Ever imagine taking a trip to outer space? Dress up as an astronaut, alien or your favorite Star Wars character for a night that is Out of this World. Stargaze with the Naperville Astronomical Association, grow a third eye in our costume makeup studio and enjoy refreshments, performances, storytelling and so much more. Free for Museum members and/or with Museum admission. No pre-registration is required.

Events are subject to change. Please visit [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org) for updates.

**About DuPage Children's Museum:**

DuPage Children's Museum helps develop curiosity, creativity, thinking and problem solving in young children via interactive exhibits and programs that make learning fun for children and adults playing together.

The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, Illinois, a quick walk from the Naperville Metra train station. Parking is free and the building is wheelchair accessible.

DuPage Children's Museum is a top Chicago-area cultural attraction *where learning comes in to play™!* For information about hours, museum admission and membership packages, visit [www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org](http://www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org) or call (630) 637-8000.