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Families are invited to see what's blooming this May at Children's Museum of Atlanta!

Children can ring in the end of the school year with Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and more!

ATLANTA (**April 30, 2019**) – **Children's Museum of Atlanta** has lots of fun in store for visitors this May with a sampling of cultural and holiday-themed activities to complement the Museum's regular programming! From free admission, to celebrating Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day, the education and fun will not stop for kiddos throughout the month. Little performance artists will also have the chance to participate in special circus-themed programming and classes with *Beebo and Ravioli* while feature exhibit *Run! Jump! Fly! Adventures in Action*TM will wrap up its run at the end of the month. Guests are invited to participate in kung fu, surfing, rock climbing, dancing and more before it's too late!

May Special Programming:

Family Free Day

Wednesday, May 1 (Session 1: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Session 2: 1-3:30 p.m.; Session 3: 4-6:30 p.m.) Families are invited to enjoy the Museum free of charge once every quarter. Throughout the day, kids will have the opportunity to participate in STEM and sports-themed activities while celebrating creativity and innovation. Made possible by the support of the PNC Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation and CareSource, the three sessions will also offer the chance for kids to explore the Museum's six permanent, interactive exhibits as well as feature exhibit *Run! Jump! Fly! Adventures in Action*TM. Free tickets are limited and advance reservation is required. For more information, please visit childrensmuseumatlanta.org/familyfreeday.

May the Fourth Be With You

Saturday, May 4

Skywalkers, stormtroopers, Jedis, Princess Leias and defenders of the galaxy are encouraged to come to the Museum for an action-packed day of Star Wars-themed adventures! Little ones can sharpen their skills with Jedi light saber training, build their own light sabers in the Build It Lab or fly into the circuitry of the Millennium Falcon at the Science Bar.

Cinco de Mayo Programming

Sunday, May 5

Guests are invited to celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Children's Museum of Atlanta! Every year on the fifth day of May, Mexicans and Mexican-Americans commemorate the Mexican Army's 1862 victory against France at the Battle of Puebla. Museum attendees are invited to participate in themed stories on the CMA stage, study native Mexican plants at the Science Bar and create mariachi guitars in the Build It Lab. Special guest Alma Mexicana, an Atlanta-based dance group that teaches about Mexican culture and heritage, will also be teaching visitors about the beauty and tradition of Mexican culture with dance and native costumes.

Mother's Day Programming

Sunday, May 12

Moms receive free admission on Mother's Day, where visitors are welcome to celebrate the most important women in their lives at Children's Museum of Atlanta with special programming all about moms and grandmothers! On the CMA stage, Imaginators will lead special themed Story Time and Music & Movement programs! Then, families can venture to the Art Studio for a "Mom & Me" self-portrait workshop or to the Build It Lab to create a home-made gift straight from the heart.

Summer Bash

Saturday, May 25

School's out, but the fun and learning doesn't need to end! Children's Museum of Atlanta is ringing in summer with a beach ball and boogie board bonanza relay at the CMA stage. Kids can enjoy limbo luau or make their way to the sand tables for a castle competition! Celebrating students can also head over to the Art Studio and make Andy Warhol-inspired popsicle pop-art or to the Build It Lab to create their bubble wands!

Beebo and Ravioli

Tuesday, May 28 – Friday, June 7

Kiddos are welcome to come on down for a special two-week program of *Beebo and Ravioli's Spectacular Circus*! This miniature interactive musical gives kids the chance to be a clown, acrobat or circus animal alongside the Imaginators. Little circus fans can also sign up for Clown School, where they will learn how to juggle and hula hoop during the Music and Movement program. Whimsical activities will also be held at the Art Studio, Science Bar and Build It Lab.

Feature Exhibit: Run! Jump! Fly! Adventures in Action[™]

Through May 27, 2019

Run! Jump! Fly! Adventures in Action[™] allows children to enter an interactive world to learn the importance of health and wellness. Visitors are invited to visit Children's Museum of Atlanta to explore the exhibit that helps families get up and get moving, while exercising their brains at the same time. From catching the perfect wave on a motion-sensing surfboard to perfecting the three principles of kung fu in a bamboo forest, children will learn new ways to stay active while enjoying extreme sports and activities. For more information about *Run! Jump! Fly! Adventures in Action*[™] daily programs, visit childrensmuseumatlanta.org/calendar.

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About Children's Museum of Atlanta:

Children's Museum of Atlanta is the only educational venue of its kind in Atlanta, presenting educational programs and exhibits designed for young children ages 0-9. The Museum's mission is to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all children through the power of play. With six permanent learning zones consisting of bright, creative and hands-on exhibits, the Museum supports inventive play-based exploration and experiential learning focused on the whole child. Core competencies for literacy, math and science are promoted throughout all exhibits and programming in alignment with the state and national Core Performance Standards. The Children's Museum of Atlanta also offers parties, memberships, field trips, summer camp and private events. For more information or to support Children's Museum of Atlanta, visit childrensmuseumatlanta.org or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].

Museum Admission: Plan ahead and save! Families can purchase timed tickets online in advance to save money and guarantee entry to the Museum. Babies under 12 months and members are admitted for free. All daily programs are included in price of admission. Group rates and military discounts are available. For more information regarding ticket and membership options, visit <u>childrensmuseumatlanta.org</u>.

Museum Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. -4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. -5 p.m.; Closed on Wednesdays. Please check the Museum website to confirm hours of operation.

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