



## Children's Museum of Atlanta

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Jump into the New Year with Children's Museum of Atlanta's January programming**

*Families invited to welcome 2017 with special events and activities for kids of all ages*

**ATLANTA (December 28, 2016)** – It's out with the old and in with new, as **Children's Museum of Atlanta** celebrates the New Year with fun-filled January programming for the entire family! Whether dancing to the melodies of Alma Mexicana's Three Kings Day performance, creating a fiery dragon in the art lab to honor the Chinese New Year or celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with a packed day of festivities, kids can welcome 2017 through the power of PLAY!

### **Feature Exhibit: Magic Tree House®**

*Now through January 16, 2017*

Young explorers are invited to swing into adventure for the final weeks of the **Children's Museum of Atlanta's** feature exhibit **Magic Tree House®**, an educational traveling exhibition created by The Magic House® and based on the best-selling children's book series written by Mary Pope Osborne. Visitors will branch out through three periods of American history including the first Thanksgiving, the Civil War and life on the prairie circa 1870. Guided by Jack and Annie, two ordinary siblings from Frog Creek, Penn., children of all ages will exercise their imaginations with interactive activities and simulations via a magical, time-traveling tree house!

**Themed daily programming during Magic Tree House® exhibit. Programming subject to change and may be altered during special events. All programs included with admission unless otherwise noted.**

### **Mini-Musical: The Golden Spike**

*Weekdays 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. and weekends 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.*

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Children will time travel back to 1868 Utah with T.J. in order to protect the "Golden Spike," the last piece needed to link together the First Transcontinental Railroad. When trouble strikes and a soon-to-be legendary outlaw steals the spike right before the train is set to depart, T.J. and the audience must try to capture the villain before it's too late!

### **Story Time**

*Weekdays at 1 p.m. and weekends at 2 p.m.*

Join the Imaginators for an engaging journey through favorite storybooks. Kids will sing, clap and move as they interact with books based on the themes of the Magic Tree House series.

### **Music & Movement**

*Weekdays at 2 p.m. and weekends at 3 p.m.*

- **Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt and the Dino-Dance!**

Children can join the Imaginators for a big adventure searching for tiny dinosaurs! Once finished, they can learn how to do the Imaginators' Dino-Dance!

### **Super Spectacular Science Show**

*Weekdays at 3 p.m. and weekends at 4 p.m.*

Professor Lab Coat and his assistants will lead a mesmerizing science demonstration put on for the entire Museum.

### **Eat A Georgia Rainbow**

*Sundays at 12 p.m.*

Children will embark on a scavenger hunt and cold cooking activity with the Imaginators to learn more about fruits and veggies that are harvested in Georgia throughout the year.

### **Art Studio: Colorful Crafts**

*Weekdays 10:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.; Weekends 11 a.m. –4 p.m.*

Little ones can discover colors and explore artists from around the world through various fun crafts.

### **Build It Lab**

*Weekdays, 10:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.; Weekends 11 a.m. –4 p.m.*

Children will put their woodworking and creative tools to the test in this supervised space where they have access to real tools and materials. Encouraging innovation, young innovators will also be able to work on projects like designing and constructing a model tree house made out of cardboard recycled materials.

### **Science Bar**

*Weekdays 10:30 a.m. –2:30 p.m.; Weekends 11 a.m. –3:30 p.m.*

Science is everywhere, especially on the mezzanine! Step Up to Science is the Museum's STEM exhibit area and features interactive exhibits about light, robotics and how the human body works! Families can saddle up to the science bar for a full menu of fun activities, knowledge and have their questions turned into answers by one of the STEM educators.

## **January Special Programming**

### **Three Kings Day**

*Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, January 8 from 11 a.m. –4:30 p.m.*

- **11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Visiting Performance Piece**  
Little ones will groove along to dances from Atlanta-based performing group Alma Mexicana, meaning "Mexican Soul."
- **12 p.m. Saturday & 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Special Story Time**  
Children can learn about the season of giving in Alma F. Ada & F. Isabel Campoy's seasonal story "Celebrate Christmas and Three Kings' Day with Pablo and Carlitos," which follows the tale of little Carlitos who writes a letter to the Three Kings asking for presents for Christmas. However, when Carlitos' older brother teaches him to ride a bike, Carlitos decides to write a new letter and give up some of the things on his wish list in exchange for a bigger gift for his brother.
- **11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Art Studio**  
Families will have the opportunity to decorate jewelry boxes to represent the gifts that the magi gave to Jesus for his birthday.
- **3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Special Music & Movement**  
Kids can join the Imaginators for an elaborate Three Kings Day parade through the Museum.

### **Special Storytime: "Way Up in the Air"**

*Saturday, January 14 at 12 p.m. and Sunday, January 15 at 2 p.m.*

Kids will leap, rhyme and hop along to Jocelyn Windom's "Way Up in the Air" tale featuring Maggie Pie and all her forest friends in an adventure-filled day!

### **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday**

*Monday, January 16 from 10:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.*

- **11 a.m. & 1 p.m.: Mini-Musical**

Children will help bring to life Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous quote, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that," by joining the Museum Imaginators for a rousing rendition of the gospel children's song "This Little Light of Mine," followed by a special light presentation and a performance-based recreation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

- **12 p.m.: Special Story Time**  
With simple, lyrical text and bold, kid-friendly illustrations, Marion Dane Bauer's "My First Biography: Martin Luther King Jr." introduces Dr. King and his great works to the youngest readers with hopes of inspiring them to change the world.
- **2 p.m.: Music & Movement**  
Kids will get to share their dreams for the entire Museum to hear during this interactive music and movement celebrating Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Afterwards, they'll join the Imaginators for a special "I Have a Dream of Togetherness" parade.
- **10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Art Studio**  
Families will get creative and make their own MLK Day torch, which symbolizes light shining against all darkness and spreading love around the world.
- **10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Build It Lab**  
Kids will work with real tools to build their own dream mobile to celebrate Dr. King's birthday festivities.

### **Meet the Holidays: Chinese New Year**

*Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22 from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

- **11 a.m. & 1 p.m.: Visiting Performance Piece**  
Atlanta Chinese Dance Company, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the development, advancement and appreciation of Chinese history and culture through dance, will perform for families during the Chinese New Year celebration.
- **12 p.m.: Special Storytime**  
This exuberant story "Bringing in the New Year" by Grace Lin follows a Chinese-American family as they prepare for the Lunar New Year by sweeping out the dust of the old year, hanging decorations and making celebratory dumplings.
- **3 p.m.: Special Music & Movement**  
In this interactive celebration, youngsters will learn the "Dance of the Dragon," as they join the Imaginators for a dragon parade, complete with music and firecrackers!
- **11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Art Studio**  
Kids will learn about the symbolism of the dragon in Chinese culture when they create their own fiery dragon in this festive art studio project.
- **11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Build It Lab**  
Little ones will have fun building their own Chinese drum with real tools.

For more information on the November program offerings or to support Children's Museum of Atlanta, visit [childrensmuseumatlanta.org](http://childrensmuseumatlanta.org) or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].

### **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 0-8. 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](http://childrensmuseumatlanta.org) or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].

**Museum Admission:** General Admission is \$14.95 (plus tax) for anyone 1 – 100 years old. Babies 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 [childrensmuseumatlanta.org/plan-your-visit/faqs/](http://childrensmuseumatlanta.org/plan-your-visit/faqs/).

**Museum Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Closed on Wednesdays. Please check the Museum website to confirm hours of operation.

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