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**THE MAGIC HOUSE MAKES STRATEGIC “CHESS” MOVE WITH THE OPENING OF ITS SUMMER SATELLITE LOCATION IN NORTH COUNTY**

*Kings, Queens & Castles Exhibit at the City of St. John Municipal Center*

*June 12 - August 11*

ST LOUIS (June 5, 2017) – The Magic House is proud to announce the opening of its summer satellite location in north St. Louis County. Through a partnership with The Magic House, the Ritenour School District and the World Chess Hall of Fame, families from the north county area won't have to travel far to enjoy one of the Museum's newest exhibits ***Kings, Queens & Castles***. The World Chess Hall of Fame commissioned The Magic House to produce this innovative, hands-on traveling exhibit that will be at the City of St. John Municipal Center beginning June 12. The exhibit will be open to the public free of charge, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Inspired by visitor feedback and the desire to have an increased presence in the community, the opening of The Magic House summer satellite location helps to further the Museum's mission of providing all children in the St. Louis area with access to hands-on, educational experiences.

Designed for children ages 3 to 11, ***Kings, Queens & Castles*** brings the game of chess to life and provides an engaging introduction to individual chess pieces and game strategy. At the exhibit, children can explore a medieval castle complete with a drawbridge and turret slides, learn how to prepare for a game by arranging large-scale pieces on a giant chessboard floor, use their creativity to design a royal crown or a knight's shield and even dress up like their favorite chess pieces to play a human chess game.

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For children looking to improve their skills and learn even more about the game of chess, the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis will be offering summer camp opportunities on the same floor as ***Kings, Queens & Castles*** where children can register to attend weeklong, half-day chess camps at the exhibit. Camp sessions will run Monday-Friday and take place from 9:00 am to noon or 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The cost to attend chess camp is \$30 per child per week for either the morning or the afternoon schedule. For more details on camp reservations, please email [scholastics@saintlouischessclub.org](mailto:scholastics@saintlouischessclub.org) or visit [www.magichouse.org/satellite](http://www.magichouse.org/satellite).

***Kings, Queens & Castles*** will be at the City of St. John Municipal Center, located at 8944 St. Charles Rock Rd., St. Louis, Missouri 63114, June 12 through August 11. This free experience is made possible thanks to the support of the *Albrecht Family Foundation, Jody Tromblee Young* and the *Villhard Family*.

### **About The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum**

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences for children and families and encourages experimentation, creativity and the development of problem-solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy and magic. For more information, please call 314.822.8900 or visit The Magic House online at [www.magichouse.org](http://www.magichouse.org).

### **About The World Chess Hall of Fame**

The World Chess Hall of Fame is a nonprofit organization committed to building awareness for the cultural and artistic significance of chess. It opened on Sept. 9, 2011, in the Central West End after moving from previous locations in New Windsor, New York; Washington, D.C.; and Miami. The World Chess Hall of Fame is located at 4652 Maryland Avenue, housed in an historic 15,900 square-foot residence-turned-business, and features the U.S. and World Chess Halls of Fame, displays of artifacts from the permanent collection and exhibitions highlighting the great players, historic games and rich cultural history of chess. The World Chess Hall of Fame partners with the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis to provide innovative programming and outreach to local, national and international audiences.

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