

The Magic House[®] St. Louis Children's Museum

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TAKE A PLAY-CATION TO THE MAGIC HOUSE, ST. LOUIS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Top-Rated Family Attraction Features Hundreds of Hands-on Exhibits to Explore

ST LOUIS (March 9, 2017) – Have kids will travel! With a little magic, families can turn their ordinary vacation into a play-cation with a trip to The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum. Located in the family-friendly city of St. Louis, Missouri, The Magic House is an award-winning children's museum that features hundreds of interactive exhibits designed to appeal to kids of all ages, even adults! Adventurous visitors can climb a giant beanstalk, surround themselves in an enormous bubble, slide down a three-story slide and touch an electro-statically charged ball to make their hair stand on end. Visitors looking to challenge their minds can take a stroll down the Math Path to play fun number games on a giant calculator, get the ball rolling by designing the ultimate ball ramp at the Balls in Motion exhibit and learn about civic education while sitting behind the President's desk in a replica Oval Office in the Museum's Star-Spangled Center.



For those looking to express their creativity, the Art Studio and Make-It Workshop are sure to inspire. At the Art Studio visitors can brush up on their artistic skills in a variety of different mediums including painting, sketching, chalk work and more. The Make-It Workshop provides inventors of all ages with a place to create curious contraptions, experiment with a multitude of gadgets and gizmos, learn amazing new skills and tinker to their heart's content. Visitors can use different types of circuits to make a robot, try out real sewing machines, make wire and foil

sculptures and see a 3D printer in action.



The Museum also offers a unique digital playground perfect for the visitor that is a techie at heart. Designed to inspire creative thinking and build an interest in digital technology, Future Play features Sketch Town where visitors can design colorful pictures of cars, buses, buildings and more to create an amazing virtual town and the Light Ball Orchestra where families can play in an elaborate orchestra by rolling soft, oversized balls that change sound and color when they touch.

Nature-lovers looking to spend some time in the great outdoors are sure to love the Museum's Play Garden. This perennial favorite features a shallow stream where children can float boats; a Garden Kaleidoscope that transforms seasonal items such as flowers, leaves, stones and pine cones into a dazzling display of colorful symmetrical patterns; a spiraling Red Brick Road; beautiful mosaic hopscotch courts depicting the art and culture of China, El Salvador, Italy and Nigeria and a hedge maze that encourages visitors to make healthy choices as they wind their way through the labyrinth. On the second Friday of the month throughout the summer from 4:00 to 6:30 pm, The Magic House also hosts Grooving in the Garden, a concert series where families can enjoy some toe tapping tunes from special musical guests in the Play Garden.



The Museum's youngest visitors will enjoy Wonder Works, a STEM-infused exhibit area created especially for children two to eight and their families, that takes curious minds and busy bodies on a fun, learning adventure filled with hands-on, feet-on activities. At Wonder Works, kids can explore simple machines as they take the catapult challenge, race cars down an inclined plane and use a pulley or an Archimedes screw to move balls to new heights. Kids can also learn about the power of air as they use this important energy source to make whirligigs spin and magically but scientifically suspend balls in midair. One of the most popular areas of Wonder Works is the Sketch

Aquarium. Using real fish from a giant saltwater aquarium as inspiration, kids can sketch their own ocean animals and watch their creativity come to life in a virtual underwater world.

Throughout the year, The Magic House also hosts a variety of special, limited engagement exhibits.

Upcoming 2017 summer exhibits include:

- May 17 – June 25: Sandcastle Beach
- May 20 – September 4: Adventures with Clifford the Big Red Dog
- July 4 – August 13: Forts & Clubhouses

For more information on planning a trip to The Magic House, visit www.magichouse.org. Photo or media pass requests can be sent to carrie@magichouse.org.

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. Regular Museum admission is \$11 per person. Children under the age of one are free.

The Magic House is located at 516 S. Kirkwood Road, one mile north of Highway 44 in historic downtown Kirkwood. Hours during the school year are Tuesday through Thursday, 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm; Friday, 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. The Museum is closed on Mondays during the school year. Parking is always free at The Magic House. For more information, please call 314.822.8900 or visit The Magic House online at www.magichouse.org.

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