



**Minnesota
Children's
Museum**

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September Events at Minnesota Children's Museum

Special Exhibits

Inside Art

Now through November 12, 2006

Step inside the framework of famous paintings and experience art like never before! Enjoy a robust noontime meal in Grant Wood's *Dinner for Threshers*, crawl into a tent and explore camping gear in John Singer Sargent's *Camp at Lake O'Hara* and add "corn husks" to the flower tower in Diego Rivera's *Corn Festival*. Enter Clementine Hunter's *Big Chicken* and get behind the reins of a giant rooster, visit the Children's Art Park to view works of art created by kids and build a sculpture of your own, and create your own version of Mona Lisa's enigmatic expression.

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The Magic School Bus™ Kicks Up A Storm

Now through September 24, 2006

Did you know that lightning bolts heat to five times the temperature of the sun's surface? Did you know that red snow fell in Switzerland in 1755 or that it rained frogs on Tennessee in October 1946? Grab your sunscreen, parka or raincoat and join teacher extraordinaire Ms. Frizzle™ for a crash course in the magnificent world of meteorology! Learn how air, heat, water and land combine to create weather, race miniature hot air balloons, discover how lightening is created and measured, report the weather "live" from the Frizzle News Network studio and get the behind-the-scenes scoop on how to read maps and graphs like a real meteorologist!

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Special Events

Saturday, September 9

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Rain Day

Join us as we salute *The Magic School Bus™ Kicks Up a Storm* with weather-themed activities, Story Times and Big Fun!

Tuesday, September 19

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Snow Day

Join us as we salute *The Magic School Bus™ Kicks Up a Storm* with weather-themed activities, Story Times and Big Fun!

Ongoing Activities

Daily

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Early Bird Gallery

Enjoy exploring one gallery open only to families—no field trip groups. Ask the Box Office staff about the *Early Bird Gallery* during your visit. **Note:** This program does not take place when any gallery is closed, including special exhibits.

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11:30 a.m.

Big Fun!

Shake out your sillies during fun activities.

10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Story Time

Join us for reading adventures as we share our favorite tales.

Tuesdays

9:30 & 10 a.m.

Music and Movement

Join us as we move to the music.

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

& 1 – 3 p.m.

Habitot® Tuesday

No groups are scheduled and stories, music, movement and art activities are designed for our youngest visitors. Presented by St. Paul Travelers.

2nd & 4th Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

& 1 – 3 p.m.

Preschool-Kindergarten Tuesday

Activities are designed for preschool and kindergarten age children to discover themes through stories, music, movement and art. Presented by St. Paul Travelers.

Fridays

5 – 8 p.m.

Friday Family Fun Night

Presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

6 – 7:30 p.m.

Family Arts: Color Exploration

Experience drop-in arts exploration for the whole family!

7 p.m.

Bedtime Books

Delightful tales will whisk you into storyland.

Saturdays & Sundays

1 – 3 p.m.

Inventor's Workshop

We have the materials. You have the creativity. What will you invent? Presented by Seagate Technology.

Special Activities

Sunday, September 3

12 – 3 p.m.

***Our World* Sunday**

Explore the neighborhood in *Our World* and try on the different roles in our community. Presented by Ameriprise Financial.

Sunday, September 10

12 – 3 p.m.

Windows on *Earth World*: Crawlin' Critters

Meet crawling critter friends. Presented by the Bayport Foundation of Andersen Corporation.

Sunday, September 17

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Target Free 3rd Sunday

Free admission for all visitors today!

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Art Attack! Color Exploration

You've got to have art! Join us as we create with colors. Presented by Guidant Foundation.

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Sunday, September 24

12 – 3 p.m.

World Works Sunday

Explore the way the world works with the Science Squad.
Presented by 3M.

Exhibit Notes

Due to maintenance work in *Earth World*, the entire gallery will be closed September 5 through 7 and 20 through 22. The anthill in *Earth World* will be closed September 5 through 22.

MINNESOTA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Minnesota Children's Museum is a non-profit community organization committed to sparking children's learning through play. Infants through children age 10 discover their world through hands-on exhibits in five permanent galleries: *Our World* connects children to people and places in their community as they role play "grown-ups" in a child-size environment; *World Works* encourages creativity and problem-solving through investigation and experimentation; *Earth World* immerses children in life-like Minnesota habitats to nurture an understanding of the natural world; *Habitot*[®] enables infants and toddlers to safely explore four developmentally designed learning landscapes; and *Rooftop ArtPark* brings nature and art together in an outdoor gallery on the Museum's fourth-floor. Two special galleries offer exciting traveling exhibits from around the world. Fun, interactive activities, such as Story Time and Big Fun!, take place daily. Minnesota Children's Museum has been providing children and adults with a fun, educational environment for more than 24 years.

The Museum is located at Seventh and Wabasha streets in downtown St. Paul. For 24-hour information, visit www.MCM.org or call 651-225-6000.

MUSEUM HOURS

Monday (Memorial Day through Labor Day and holidays)	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
<i>Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day</i>	

ADMISSION

Ages 1 – 101	\$7.95
Members	Free

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