



**Minnesota  
Children's  
Museum**

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## **October Events at Minnesota Children's Museum**

### **Special Exhibits**

#### ***Inside Art***

**May 27 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.

Sponsored by Wells Fargo. Promotional support provided by Yellow Book™.

#### ***En Mi Familia***

**October 7, 2006 – January 1, 2007**

Step into this bilingual exhibit, based on the beautiful paintings and beloved family stories of Mexican American author, Carmen Lomas Garza. Visit Garza's childhood bedroom, meet her family through albums and make a wish while gazing at the Texas stars from the fanciful dream chair. Enter a backyard scene that captures Garza's painting, *Barbacoa para Cumpleaños* (Birthday Barbecue), fill and spill the piñata and complete a puzzle that explores the celebratory banners of *papel picado*. At *Tamalada* (Making Tamales), children can gather with their families in the kitchen, like Garza did, and practice making tamales with fabric replicas. At *Baile en el Jardín* (Dance at the Garden), children can make music and dance to *conjunto* music.

*En Mi Familia* was created by Austin Children's Museum.

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### **Special Events**

#### ***Habitot® Halloween***

**Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Monday, October 30, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Your costumed cuties can trick-or-treat throughout the Museum, do the Mummy Wrap, create a "spooktacular" monster, go pumpkin bowling and more!

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Prepaid reservations recommended; space is limited. The cost is \$6 per Museum member and \$10 per non-member if paid by October 20, or \$8 per Museum member and \$12 per non-member if paid after October 20. Children under 1 year are free.

New! Enjoy pizza, carrots and lemonade before *Habitot* Halloween begins. This option is available Saturday, October 28 or Sunday, October 29, 5:15 – 6 p.m. Prepaid reservations are required; space is limited. Cost for food option: \$3 per child and \$5 per adult. Children younger than one are free. Call 651-225-6035 for reservations.

### **Meet, Invent and Build with Author Steven Caney**

**Sunday, October 1, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Author of several award-winning children's books including *Kids' America*, Caney brings invention, science and building to children (and adults!) in an all new 800-page book. Steven Caney's *Ultimate Building Book* is an in-depth, fascinating journey that encourages readers to invent and build with everyday household items!

### **Ongoing Activities**

#### **Daily**

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.

#### **1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

Experience drop-in arts exploration for the whole family!

7 p.m.

#### **Bedtime Books**

Delightful tales will whisk you into storyland.

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**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, October 1**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Meet, Invent and Build with Author Steven Caney**

Meet Caney and try your hand at building.

**Sunday, October 8**

12 – 3 p.m.

**Windows on *Earth World*: Camouflage**

Explore how and why animals disguise themselves in the wild. Presented by The Bayport Foundation of Andersen Corporation.

**Sunday, October 15**

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Target Free 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**

Free admission for all visitors today!

**Saturday, October 28**

6 – 8:30 p.m.

***Habitot*® Halloween**

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**Sunday, October 29**

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**Monday, October 30**

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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**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](http://www.MCM.org) or call 651-225-6000.

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**MUSEUM HOURS**

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

**ADMISSION**

Ages 1 – 101 \$7.95  
Members Free

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