



**Minnesota
Children's
Museum**

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News Release

Local Illustrator Continues 25-Year Relationship with Minnesota Children's Museum

ST. PAUL, Minn.— Prolific local children's author and illustrator Nancy Carlson continues a 25-year tradition this year by designing Minnesota Children's Museum's Celebrating 25 Years of Fun artwork.

For the 25-year artwork, Carlson created over a dozen designs specifically for Minnesota Children's Museum. A prevalent cupcake theme became the emblem of the Museum's 25-year celebration.

Carlson illustrated the inaugural poster for the Museum, which opened its doors December 12, 1981 on North First Street in Minneapolis. Like the Museum, Carlson was just beginning her career as a children's book author and illustrator, which now includes having published more than 50 books featuring characters such as Harriet, Loudmouth George, Louanne Pig and Henry. Carlson addresses many children's topics in her books, but according to Carlson, the common thread is to "help kids feel good about themselves."

In 1998, Carlson was honored by the Minnesota Children's Museum at their annual Gala and presented with the Museum's Great Friend To Kids Award. Nancy is a graduate of

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the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and is a recipient of the college's Alumni Achievement Award. Visit www.nancycarlson.com for more information on Nancy Carlson.

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 and interactive programs like Story Time and Big Fun! occur throughout the day. 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

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.
<i>Closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day</i>	

ADMISSION

Ages 1 – 101	\$7.95
Members and Children younger than 1 year	Free

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