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**PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2007**

The New Year brings new activities and the return of some classics as Please Touch Museum welcomes kids and their grown-ups to escape from the cold and learn through play with a variety of January and February events.

Highlights of the season include the Jan. 13 return of the popular Kids Construct, an exhibit that allows future architects, designers and builders enter a backyard comprised of four different areas designed for imaginative play, and the February arrival of the 15th Annual Junior Jazz Festival, the only area event to introduce young children to the wonderful world of jazz through live music, dance and theater performances.

Please Touch Playhouse will also feature two inventive productions, How the Sun Was Returned to the Sky (Jan. 4-29) written by David Hutchman, about an intrepid animal band that sets out to bring the sun with its warmth and light back to the sky; and Scat Cat's Junior Jazz Jamboree (Feb. 1-28) written by Alice Gonglewski, a show which introduces kids to the history and components of jazz using puppets, rhythmic interactions and music samples. Children can stay warm each day in Kids Creations, with activities such as making hot cocoa and building a snowman throughout the month of January, and musical activities in February. All events are free with paid admission to Please Touch Museum.

**Monday, January 1**

Please Touch Museum is CLOSED today. Happy New Year!

**Saturday, January 6**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents How the Sun Was Returned to the Sky

**Sunday, January 7**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Luis "Louie" Miranda

**Saturday, January 13**

Please Touch Museum's Kids Construct exhibit re-opens!

This do-it-yourself area contains four environments that let children take on the role of designer,

builder and architect. In the Treehouse area, children can build with pipes, paint and finish building their treehouses, communicate through talk tubes and hunt for squirrels. The Workshop/Garage space features building plans and “kid-safe” versions of adult tools. Inside the Playhouse, there’s plenty of remodeling to do! Kids can lay tile, change light fixtures, put up wallpaper and sew curtains. Once the inside is done, future builders can tend window boxes on the Porch or have a picnic.

\* Please Touch Museum will be open until 5 p.m. today and Sunday, January 14.

**Saturday and Sunday, January 13 and 14**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents How the Sun Was Returned to the Sky

**Saturday and Sunday, January 20 and 21**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents How the Sun Was Returned to the Sky

**Saturday, January 27**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Give and Take Jugglers

**Sunday, January 28**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents How the Sun Was Returned to the Sky

**Thursday and Friday, February 1 and 2**

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents Scat Cat’s Junior Jazz Jamboree

**Saturday and Sunday, February 3 and 4**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The 15th Annual Junior Jazz Festival welcomes Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble

One of Philadelphia's more innovative and progressive jazz groups, Warren Oree and the Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble has been a favorite fixture of Junior Jazz, introducing young children to jazz with fun, interactive performances.

**Monday-Friday, February 5-9**

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents Scat Cat’s Junior Jazz Jamboree

**Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The 15th Annual Junior Jazz Festival welcomes Erin Flynn

Kids of all ages get up and dance along with Chicago singer-songwriter Erin Flynn, who creates and performs fun concerts backed by a rockin’ band that plays original music and traditional tunes with a twist.

**Monday-Friday, February 12-16**

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents Scat Cat's Junior Jazz Jamboree

**Saturday, Sunday and Monday, February 17, 18 and 19**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The 15th Annual Junior Jazz Festival welcomes Luis "Louie" Miranda

Louie Miranda is a family entertainer and educator who performs highly interactive family-oriented concerts that blend sophisticated rhythms with inspiring lyrics to create music that teaches as it entertains.

**Monday-Friday, February 19-23**

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents Scat Cat's Junior Jazz Jamboree

**Saturday, February 24**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The 15th Annual Junior Jazz Festival welcomes jazz artist David Sherik

**Sunday, February 25**

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The 15th Annual Junior Jazz Festival welcomes the percussion ensemble Fandango

**Monday-Wednesday, February 26-28**

11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Please Touch Playhouse presents Scat Cat's Junior Jazz Jamboree

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Please Touch Museum – Celebrating 30 Years of Learning Through Play – 1976-2006

Please Touch Museum® is dedicated to enriching the lives of children by providing learning opportunities through play. Recognized locally and nationally as one of the best children's museums, Please Touch is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$9.95 for adults and children age one and over. Children under one are free. For more information, please call 215-963-0667, visit our web site at [www.pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org) or email us [info@pleasetouchmuseum.org](mailto:info@pleasetouchmuseum.org).

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