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**PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR APRIL-JUNE 2008**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** – A colorful tale about a wizard, an imaginative series of story time activities, and some sporty fun are just some of the springtime festivities planned for Please Touch Museum. April and May are filled with interactive storytelling and programs that capture the magic of favorite children's books, while June marks the return of the bigger and better ABC Games (June 6-27). We'll also honor our young visitors' "big people" with free admission for moms on Mother's Day (May 11) and for dads on Father's Day (June 15). All events, unless otherwise indicated, are free with paid admission to Please Touch Museum.

**April**

***April and May are Celebrate Stories months presented by the Albert M. Greenfield Foundation!***

**Through April 26: Please Touch Playhouse presents The Great Blueness**

Tuesdays–Fridays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The world is black and white and gray until one magical day, Colorus the Wizard goes down to the basement and invents a brand new thing: a color! The villagers of Huetown think the new invention is great, but unforeseen problems occur. Colorus goes back to the drawing board several times to discover a color that suits everybody and every mood. Eventually, everyone learns how to make the most of Colorus' creations and in doing so realizes the importance of variety. Based on a book by Arnold Lobel, this theater performance teaches color identification and color mixing with lots of audience participation, magic tricks, special effects, and knock-knock jokes!

**Wednesday, April 2**

**5-7 p.m.**

**Target First Wednesday**

Come out for a late play date, with \$2 admission from 5–7 p.m. Please Touch Museum celebrates its final year on 21st Street with special evening hours on the first Wednesdays of the month now through August 2008. First Wednesdays, sponsored by Target, will allow visitors extra time to enjoy the museum's exhibits and programs at an affordable price.

**Monday, April 7**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Music & Movement with Miss Kala

**Saturday, April 12**

**12 p.m.**

Special appearance and book signing by children's book illustrator Betsy E. Snyder, 2008 Please Touch Museum Book Award winner for *Peanut Butter and Jellyfishes*.

**Sunday, April 13**

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

Give and Take Jugglers

This family-oriented new vaudeville troupe combines juggling, comedy, and lots of audience participation to bring non-stop fun for the whole family. Performing full-time since 1982, the Jugglers have become a beloved fixture at events and attractions across the Delaware Valley.

**Monday, April 14**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Music & Movement with Miss Kala

**Tuesday, April 15**

**Open Parent Forum: “The Imagination Quotient—The Other IQ”**

**6-8 p.m.**

(Registration required)

Admission: \$5

Join us for Please Touch Museum’s Open Parent Forum, a discussion of important family issues. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Ramona Gaines at [rgaines@pleasetouchmuseum.org](mailto:rgaines@pleasetouchmuseum.org) or 215-963-0667 ext. 3111 to register.

**Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20**

**10 a.m.-noon, 2-4 p.m.**

Art activities with April’s Artist in Residence, Karen Lonehahn

**Wednesday, April 16**

**Crazy Hair Day**

Please Touch Museum gets follicly frenzied with story times featuring Barney Saltzberg’s book *Crazy Hair Day*. Visitors can take part in activities that are both hair-raising and fun!

**Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20**

**Story Book Weekend!**

Come dressed as your favorite storybook character and receive discounted admission, plus take part in story times and other activities.

**Monday, April 21**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Music & Movement with Miss Kala

**Sunday, April 27**

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

Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble

**Monday, April 28**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Music & Movement with Miss Kala

**May**

***April and May are Celebrate Stories months presented by the Albert M. Greenfield Foundation!***

**Friday, May 2 through Monday, June 23**

**Please Touch Playhouse presents From the Sea to the Sky**

Weekdays: 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Weekends: 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

*From the Sea to the Sky* is an original interpretation of traditional Vietnamese folk tales adapted for young audiences. The show features traditional Vietnamese clothing as well as wooden and bamboo masks, and sequences inspired by the traditional Vietnamese art of water puppetry, using modern puppets instead of water.

**Sunday, May 4**

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

Award-winning multi-cultural musician Daria performs world music rhythms and songs that both children and their grown-ups will enjoy.

**Monday, May 5**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Music & Movement with Miss Kala

**Wednesday, May 7**

**5-7 p.m.**

**Target First Wednesday**

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**Sunday, May 11**

Mother's Day—Moms FREE all day!

**Monday, May 12**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Music & Movement with Miss Kala

**Saturday, May 17**

Special appearance by a surprise PBS character

Fandango percussion ensemble also visits the museum for some Latin samba music, which will get everyone dancing in their seats!

**Monday, May 19**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Music & Movement with Miss Kala

**Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25**

***Teddy Bear Picnic Weekend!***

10 a.m. – Big Paw Prints – Practice printmaking with a beary big paw stamp!

11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. – Magician Tom McDonnell

12 p.m. – Join Please Touch Museum's very own Papa Bear as we celebrate the joy of spring and welcome all those hibernating bears out to play! Storytellers will delight the crowd with bear tales, and kids will get to draw a picture of their teddy bear or other favorite pal.

2 p.m. – Story time in the Story Garden

**Saturday, May 31**

**10 a.m.-noon, 2–4 p.m.**

Art activities with May's Artist in Residence, Denise Valentine

**June**

**Sunday, June 1, 10 a.m.-noon, 2–4 p.m.**

Art activities with Artist in Residence, Denise Valentine

**Monday, June 2–Friday, June 6**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Sporty movement show by Kat Livingston

**Wednesday, June 4**

**5-7 p.m.**

**Target First Wednesday**

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**Friday, June 6 through Friday, June 27**

**8th Annual ABC Games!**

*Sponsored by US Airways*

Get ready for some sporty fun as Please Touch Museum's 8th Annual ABC Games kick off at the museum on Friday, June 6. Thanks to the generous support of US Airways, we'll host the ABC Games for not just one but three weeks in June! Visitors are invited to enjoy Sporty Dress Up and take part in games including Feed the Frog Mini Golf, and World's Strongest Kid. All activities for the 8th Annual ABC Games introduce kids to sports activities and encourage sportsmanship, physical fitness and of course fun! So come on out and join our young sports enthusiasts as they get active with us one last time before our big move to Memorial Hall!

**Sunday, June 15**

Father's Day—Dads FREE all day!

Sporty movement show by Kat Livingston  
11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.

**Monday, June 16**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Magician Tommy McDonnell

**Monday, June 23—Sunday, June 29**

**11 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

Sporty movement show by Kat Livingston

**Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29**

**10 a.m.—noon, 2—4 p.m.**

Art activities with June's Artist in Residence, Brooke Hine

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**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 \$10.95 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).