

## News Release

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## The FunkeyMonkeys Perform Family Concert at the Jewish Museum Sunday, September 25

Jewish Museum

NEW YORK, NY – The FunkeyMonkeys return to the Jewish Museum with a concert for families on Sunday, September 25 at 11:30 am. Described as “Seinfeld meets the Wiggles,” this uniquely hip eight-member band incorporates funny sketches and improvised bits, along with their special brand of funky kid’s music, ranging from driving afrobeat to ethereal ballads. The performance will feature tunes from their albums *Mustache*, *Tastes Like Chicken*, *Sing Dance Underpants*, and *Jewish FunkeyMonkeys*, including hits related to the Jewish fall holidays with a special Monkeys twist. During the performance, the Monkeys will also explore connections between art and music as audience members can come on stage to draw with the band.

Tickets are \$16 general; \$13 Jewish Museum family level members. This concert is for children ages 2 to 6. Adults are asked to accompany their children. For further information regarding family programs at the Jewish Museum, the public may call 212.423.3337. Tickets can be purchased online at [thejewishmuseum.org/families](http://thejewishmuseum.org/families). The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City.

Joshua Sitron, composer and musical director for Nickelodeon's *Dora the Explorer*, conceived of FunkeyMonkeys in 2000. The debut album, *FunkeyMonkeys!*, was recorded in 2001, and featured some of Broadway and television's best child stars. Soon after, Sitron (keyboard) began getting requests to hire the 'monkeys' to play live and formed a band, including Eric Beyondo (trumpet), Stuart Bogie (saxophone), Brian Carter (drums), Mike Gold (balloons), Annette Guarrasi (vocals), Shawn Shafner (vocals) and Carey White (vocals). They take inspiration from diverse sources such as *The Muppet Show's* breaking of the 4th wall, *Saturday Night Live's* combination of sketch comedy and music, and *Moulin Rouge's* freedom to mix and match original and cover music in medleys and mash-ups. FunkeyMonkeys made its live stage debut in September 2003.

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### About The Jewish Museum

Located on Museum Mile at Fifth Avenue and 92nd Street, the Jewish Museum is one of the world's preeminent institutions devoted to exploring art and Jewish culture from ancient to contemporary, offering intellectually engaging, educational, and provocative exhibitions and programs for people of all ages and backgrounds. The Museum was established in 1904, when Judge Mayer Sulzberger donated 26 ceremonial objects to The Jewish Theological Seminary

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as the core of a museum collection. Today, the Museum maintains a collection of over 30,000 works of art, artifacts, and broadcast media reflecting global Jewish identity, and presents a diverse schedule of internationally acclaimed temporary exhibitions. Visitors can now also enjoy Russ & Daughters at the Jewish Museum, a kosher sit-down restaurant and take-out appetizing counter on the Museum's lower level.

The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City. Museum hours are Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, 11am to 5:45pm; Thursday, 11am to 8pm; and Friday, 11am to 4pm. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for senior citizens, \$7.50 for students, free for visitors 18 and under and Jewish Museum members. Admission is Pay What You Wish on Thursdays from 5pm to 8pm and free on Saturdays. For information on the Jewish Museum, the public may call 212.423.3200 or visit the website at [TheJewishMuseum.org](http://TheJewishMuseum.org).

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