

Holiday Vacation Week Family Programs at the Jewish Museum December 25-30

New York, NY – The Jewish Museum will offer special family programs during holiday vacation week from December 25 to December 30. The line-up includes a festive Hanukkah concert by Oran Etkin and a Studio Art Session on December 25; a simulated archaeological dig on December 26; and drop-in art workshops December 26, 27, 29 and 30.

For further information regarding family programs at the Jewish Museum, the public may call 212.423.3222. Tickets can be purchased online at thejewishmuseum.org/families. The Jewish Museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, New York City.

Jewish Museum

HOLIDAY VACATION WEEK 2016 FAMILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 25

CONCERT: ORAN ETKIN

11:30am

Ages 2-7

Oran Etkin and his Timbalooloo band will present a special Hanukkah family concert, inspired by two Jewish stories of light: the traditional Hanukkah tale and a story of light from the Kabbalah. It tells how a spiritual light that existed before the world's creation was scattered and has to be brought together to make the world whole. This story of healing the world resonated with Etkin and was the basis of his 2014 album, *Gathering Light*, which interweaves his own compositions with melodies and rhythms he learned in his musical travels to Asia and Africa. This concert will intermingle Hanukkah songs from Israel and tunes from Indonesia that celebrate the beauty of the Festival of Lights in a fresh way. Etkin will also share tunes from his 2010 album, *Wake Up, Clarinet!* with its whimsical blend of klezmer, jazz and world music. Etkin's interactive performances effortlessly convey sophisticated concepts in a fun musical language that kids of all ages can understand.

Tickets: \$16 general public; \$13 Jewish Museum family members

STUDIO ART SESSION: LIGHT PAINTING

1 to 4 pm

Ages 3 and up

Inspired by Hanukkah and the theme of light, families will use luminous metallic paint on black canvas board to create a glowing painting for the holiday.

Free with Museum admission

Monday, December 26

ARCHAEOLOGY MONDAYS

3pm – 5pm

Ages 3 to 10

This unique simulated archaeological dig highlights replicas from ancient to modern times in a hands-on experience. Participants hunt for featured artifacts, and collect stamps in special passports on each visit, receiving a gift

after a third visit to the dig.
Free with Museum admission

Monday, December 26; Tuesday, December 27;
Thursday, December 29; Friday, December 30

VACATION WEEK DROP-IN WORKSHOP: *Imaginative Portraits*

1pm – 4pm

Age 3 and up

Kids can design colorful family portraits inspired by the exhibition *John Singer Sargent's Mrs. Carl Meyer and Her Children*, emulating Sargent's use of rich colors, ornate textures, and animated brushwork. Families will be encouraged to create unique stories and settings for fanciful scenes using a variety of patterned papers and colorful oil pastels, and to add elements from favorite winter holiday traditions.

Free with Museum admission

ADULTS ARE ASKED TO ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILDREN TO ALL PROGRAMS.

The Jewish Museum offers a state-of-the-art audio guide for children ages 5 to 12 to its permanent exhibition, *Culture and Continuity: The Jewish Journey*. Visitors are able to enjoy the children's audio guide free with Museum admission. The audio guides are sponsored by Bloomberg.

In addition, families can visit *Archaeology Zone: Discovering Treasures from Playgrounds to Palaces*. In this engaging and thoroughly interactive experience, children become archaeologists as they search for clues about ancient and modern objects. Visitors can discover what happens after archaeologists unearth artifacts and bring them back to their labs for in-depth analysis. Children ages 3 through 10 magnify, sketch, and weigh objects from the past and the present, piece together clay fragments, interpret symbols, and dress in costumes. The children's exhibition is open every day except Wednesday and Saturday.

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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 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.

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