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## PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY – SEPTEMBER 2008

PHILADELPHIA, PA – This summer, while construction crews and exhibit designers are putting the finishing touches on Please Touch Museum's new home at Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park, Please Touch is throwing a grand farewell for our little museum on 21st Street. Everyone is invited to play one last time on 21st Street before closing we close the doors on Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 1). In July, catch a Please Touch Playhouse performance of *The Moving Show*, take part in a "Movers & Shakers" program on the gallery floor, and be sure to stop by on Labor Day weekend for loads of farewell activities!

All events, unless otherwise indicated, are free with paid admission to Please Touch Museum.

### July

#### Wednesday, July 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.

#### Friday, July 4

Join us for our final 4th of July celebration on 21st Street! Kids are invited to help the museum celebrate America's birthday. Visitors will write with quills and ink, adding amendments to the "**Kidstitution**" citing things that all children should be allowed to have or to do. There will also be a "Glitter and Confetti Art" activity in Kids Creations. Both activities will run from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m.

#### Friday, July 4 – Monday, September 1

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

#### Please Touch Playhouse presents *The Moving Show*

Presented by The Virginia and Harvey Kimmel Arts – Education Fund

As Please Touch Museum moves to Memorial Hall, Pinky, one of the puppet actors in our theater company, has to pack everything up. But Pinky isn't sure this "moving stuff" is for him. But once the big Moving Truck rolls on stage to haul our boxes away, Pinky must share with his toys what he's learned about moving and growing-up, so they won't be afraid of the move either. *The Moving Show* is a highly interactive story introducing children to moving (your body and your home) which will run until PTM closes its doors on 21st Street on Labor Day.

Complementing *The Moving Show* is a new Creative Dramatics program, "Movers & Shakers," in which kids can engage in spontaneous, imaginative play with a costumed character who is getting ready for a big move. Children will wrap up toys and other items in paper or bubble wrap and pack them in boxes and suitcases; sort and pack items by color, category, and size; load packed items into a wagon and move them to new location across the museum; pretend to be movers packing and driving a moving van, or pretend to be the moving van itself. "Movers & Shakers" takes place on the gallery floor on select weekdays through Sept. 1.

#### Sunday, July 6

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.

**Saturday, July 19**

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

Fun-filled Music & Movement show with **Miss Kala**

**Saturday, July 26**

Rocking, interactive kids' music program with **Miss Amy**

**August**

**Wednesday, August 6**

**5-7 p.m.**

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**Saturday, August 9**

**4-7 p.m.**

**8th Annual Kindergarten Mixer** (Registration required)

All families who have a child going into kindergarten this fall are invited to celebrate their child's exciting journey at our Kindergarten Mixer on the grounds outside Memorial Hall. Families will take part in a FREE fun-filled afternoon. Highlights will include workshops, raffles, snacks, informational resources, entertainment and more!

Also on site will be "Kid Fit" and the "Road to Fitness" made possible by the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation. The Kid Fit Care-A-Van will be hosting fun activities for the whole family including hula hoop contests, limbo, jump roping, dance freeze, and instructions on bicycle helmet safety.

**Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31 (CLOSING WEEKEND)**

Join Please Touch Museum as we say goodbye to our little museum on 21st Street! Farewell activities for the entire family will take place all weekend long, along with Please Touch Playhouse performances of *The Moving Show* at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**September**

**Monday, September 1**

Stop by for one final visit as Please Touch Museum closes its doors on 21st Street.

**Tuesday, September 2- Saturday, October 18**

Please Touch Museum's *Play Patrol*, our "mobile museum," will be out in the community during our seven-week downtime bringing the essence of the museum out on the road for kids to enjoy. For a full listing of *Play Patrol* appearances, visit [www.pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org).

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Please Touch Museum® is dedicated to enriching the lives of children by creating 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. through Monday, Sept. 1. Admission is \$10.95 for adults and children age one and over. Children under one are free. Please Touch Museum at Memorial Hall, 4231 Avenue of the Republic, opens to the public on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008. For more information, please call 215-963-0667, or visit [www.pleasetouchmuseum.org](http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org).

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