



Wonder Works

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A Children's Museum in Oak Park

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Wonder Works is a 501 C3 non-profit organization.

FALL CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES ON NOVEMBER 18 WITH JIM GILL

This year's concert series is bigger and better, thanks to a grant from Mattel Inc. on behalf of Eugene P. Beard and the Nancy Jones Beard Foundation. Thanks go to Greg Beard and his wife Tamara Faulkner Beard, former Wonder Works board members, and to Greg's parents, for their contribution. Our Wonder Works Sunday Concert Series performances include:

- Jim Gill will perform Sunday, November 18. An Oak Park resident, Gill is a trained child development specialist and has been educating and inspiring children for over 20 years.
- Folk singer, troubadour and American treasure Jim Post will make his Wonder Works debut Sunday, January 27. A Galena resident, Post is known for performing children's songs and currently stars as Mark Twain in the one man show "Mark Twain and the Laughing River".
- Singer and songwriter Joel Frankel returns Sunday, February 17. A Chicago resident, Frankel has developed a creative and stimulating musical performance that captivates listeners of all ages by combining his musical talents with his teaching background.

All concerts will begin at 4 p.m. and the museum will have special hours on concert days. Wonder Works will close at 3:30 p.m. for non-ticket holders but will remain open to concertgoers. Tickets for Jim Gill and Jim Post are \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members. Tickets for Joel Frankel are \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

CELEBRATE OUR FOURTH BIRTHDAY

Join us on Saturday, November 3 for the fourth annual Wonder Works Gala to benefit the non-profit children's museum. Not only is it a good time, it's a great way to promote creativity in children—and adults. We'll honor children's musician Jim Gill for his work on behalf of kids and have fun with a live and silent auction, with games of skill and chance (bring your dollar bills) and more. Tickets are \$80 for one and \$150 for two and are available by phone or online. For more information, please visit www.wonder-works.org or call 708.383.4815.

WINTER HOURS EXTENDED

During the winter, Wonder Works will be open until 7pm every Wednesday between November 28, 2007 and March 26, 2008, will also be open Christmas Eve 10am to 4pm and New Years Eve Noon to 5pm. Don't forget to shop at our store for holiday gifts; we have games and activities and toys you may not find anywhere else.

PICK AND PAINT PUMPKINS AT WONDER WORKS OCTOBER 27

On Saturday, October 27, kids can "pick" the perfect pumpkin from the Wonder Works garden, wash it off and paint it with a wide selection of paints. This event is made possible by Downtown Oak Park. The Pick and Paint pumpkins cost \$5 each.

WE'LL TAKE YOUR TOYS

Wonder Works is requesting donations of new and gently used toys for our first annual toy re-sale. The sale will be held Friday November 23, 2007, from 8am to 12pm and continue on a limited basis until 5pm. Wonder Works will be open to the public for general use from 12pm to 5pm on this day.

GET CREATIVE Sign Up For Fall Classes

Sign up now for the second session of our fall classes, which start November 26, 2007 and run until February 2, 2008. From Bouncing Babies, which offers activities and exercises to expand a baby's range of movement, to Family Crafts (for families with kids up to age 6 who want to create together) to Terrific Tunes (which lets toddlers use their energetic bodies and voices to play musical instruments, sing familiar songs, march to different rhythms and move to a variety of music), our classes offer a wide range of fun and learning. Call the museum at 708.383.4815 or go to our web site at www.wonder-works.org.

Have your party at Wonder Works! Call 708.383.4815 to make your reservation.