



Wonder Works

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2009 NEWS

A Children's Museum in Oak Park

6445 West North Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60302

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Wonder Works is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

ELLA JENKINS PERFORMS FOR WONDER WORKS SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES - FEBRUARY 22

Come see Grammy Award Winner Ella Jenkins for our February concert. Known as "The First Lady of Children's Music," Ella is a Chicago native who has been educating children through her call-and-response song style for over 50 years. This Chicagoan encourages learning through play to teach kids about cultural diversity and creativity. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$14 for non-members.

THADDEUS REX - MARCH 22

Described by the Washington Post as part Monty Python, part Dr. Seuss, Thaddeus Rex travels around the country promoting reading, writing and rockin' music. Look forward to a radically engaging concert with a mixture of captivating music, hilarious interaction and an enthusiasm that is contagious. Tickets are \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Wonder Works Organic Garden

Help Wonder Works get your kids involved in healthy and environmentally friendly activities. Our organic garden will be starting soon and planning begins now. If you would like to be involved in any way, please contact David Hoambrecker at 708.383.4815 or email dhoambrecker@wonder-works.org.



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Coupon expires 03-31-2009.

Limit one coupon per customer per visit.

\$20 OFF YOUR NEXT WONDER WORKS PARTY

Bring this coupon to Wonder Works and receive \$20 off any party booked by March 31, 2009 for parties scheduled for March 1, 2009 through May 1, 2009

Celebrate Black History Month at Wonder Works

Bring the family and join Wonder Works in celebrating Black History Month. We have several exciting events planned throughout the month of February. All events, with the exception of the Sunday, February 22 concert and the performance on Friday, February 27, are free with general museum admission and generously sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Illinois Arts Council and the Oak Park Area Arts Council.

Weekday Activities

Story Time

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26
at 11:30 am and 4 pm.

Learn about African American folklore from authors and storytellers.

Guided Craft Time

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27
at 11:30 am and 4 pm.

Create African American themed crafts.

Weekend Activities

Music lessons with Atiba Jali

Saturday, February 21 at 11 am.

Come listen, learn and explore the music of Africa as Atiba Jali presents Drums of Africa.

Ella Jenkins Live in Concert

Sunday, February 22 at 4 pm.

Kuumba (Creativity) performed by Local-Motions, Inc.

Friday, February 27 at 6 p.m.

Child performers and dancers will celebrate famous people in Black History in an hour long performance. The museum will be open late just for this performance. Admission is \$2/person. Children until 1 year are free.

I'm Your Puppet Productions

Saturday, February 28. Shows at 11 am and 1 pm.

Join us for an all day puppet show event! Plays are based on Martin Luther King, Jr. and the celebration of Black History Month.

Sponsors:



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WONDER WORKS WISH LIST FOR DONATED ITEMS

Card Board Tubes

Card Board Egg Cartons

Paper for Coloring and Easels

Costumes

Hand Puppets

Diapers

Baby Wipes

Musical Instruments

Play Food and Plastic Fruit

Building Blocks (all kinds)

Art Supplies (all kinds)

Packing Peanuts

Beach Balls

Kid Picnic Tables

Rubbermaid Container w/ Lids

Kid sized chairs

Puzzles and floor games

Plastic/Rubber Cones

Bulk Copy Paper

Outdoor play equipment

People donating these items can drop them off at Wonder Works. For additional information please call Wonder Works at 708.383.4815 or visit our web site at www.wonder-works.org/aboutus/donate.html.

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Support Creative Play

Creative play is essential to healthy child development. According to Alix Spiegel for National Public Radio (NPR), creative play helps to build a critical cognitive skill called executive function. "One of the elements of executive function is self-regulation – the ability for kids to control their emotions and behavior, resist impulses, and exert self-control and discipline." In addition to self-regulation, executive function also supports working memory and cognitive flexibility. Sending your kids to play can help develop reading skills, exercise concentration and promote creativity and flexibility in thinking. Support creative play at Wonder Works.

Support Community Day

Community Day is a fundraiser by Carson Pirie Scott at which supporters of Wonder Works donate \$5 to Wonder Works and in return receive a Coupon book full of wonderful offers for Carson Pirie Scott's one day sale on Saturday, February 28. One coupon is \$10 off any \$10 or greater purchase. For additional information please call the museum at 708.383.4815 or visit our web site at www.wonder-works.org.

Celebrate your Child's Birthday at Wonder Works

Full of fun and exploration, our children's museum is the perfect place for your child's next birthday party. New, more affordable party packages are available to help those parents on the tightest of budgets still celebrate that special day. For more details please visit our web site at www.wonder-works.org/parties/index.html

CONTRIBUTE TO WONDER WORKS

Help us continue to offer wonderful programming and activities by contributing to our gift registry. From colored pencils to costumes; Legos to storage shelves, Wonder Works is committed to maintaining a useful and environmentally friendly space for our kids and their families. We appreciate any effort to help replenish the museum's supplies so we can continue to provide a space for creative play and learning. Please use the form below when making a contribution. For a complete list of items needed and additional information please call Wonder Works at 708.383.4815 or visit our web site at www.wonder-works.org.

Name _____

Phone _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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