



# Wonder Works

SUMMER 2009 NEWS

*A Children's Museum in Oak Park*

6445 West North Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60302

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*Open to the public: Wed to Sat 10am-5pm, Sun noon-5pm,*

*Reserved on Mon & Tues for classes, field trips and private parties*

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

## HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Come visit Wonder Works at events throughout the community this summer. Have your face painted, play some games or make a craft at the following locations:

**Forest Park Summer Fest on  
Madison Street**

*Friday & Saturday, June 5 & 6*

**"Day in Our Village", Scoville  
Park, Oak Park.**

*Sunday, June 7*

**Taste of Chicago, Family Tent**

*Friday, July 3*

**Roosevelt Road Summer  
Spectacular Street Fair**

*Saturday, August 15*

## COME PLANT THE WONDER WORKS ORGANIC GARDEN

*Saturday, May 23, 8 am*

For two months we have planned, prepared the soil, and grown our plants from seed inside, under the lights, for all to see. Come join in the fun on May 23 to see how our plants have grown, how we created an animal product free organic garden outside the museum, and how you can start one of your own. Help transfer the plants to the outdoor garden (weather permitting).

For more information on our organic garden, please visit us at

<http://www.wonder-works.org/garden/2009/index.html>.

## WE'RE SIX! COME TO WONDER WORKS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

*Sunday, June 14, noon to 5 pm*

Everyone is invited to come celebrate Wonder Works sixth birthday with **FREE ADMISSION** all day and of course, birthday cake!

## KAI SIMONE-OSSA DEBUTS HER NEW CD AT WONDER WORKS

*Saturday, June 27, 11am and 4pm*

Kai Simone-Issa has been a featured storyteller at the Taste of Chicago, African Festival of the Arts, Round Lake Parks Cultural Festival, Los Angeles Children's Museum, Chicago Cultural Center and many other local school and family events. She is coming to Wonder Works with two free shows to debut her new album, "Come and Play". This event is free with regular museum admission.

## *The Return of Bubble Works!*

Saturday, July 18, 10am to 5pm

Bubble Works is back – bigger and more bubbly than ever! Kids will have good, clean fun as they learn all there is to know about the science of the wonderful world of bubbles. This event is free with regular museum admission.

## *Wonder Works Bake Sales at the Oak Park Farmer's Market*

Saturday, May 30 and

Saturday, August 15, 7am to 1pm

Wonder Works will be at the Oak Park Farmer's Market, located in the Pilgrim Church parking lot (Lake Street just west of Ridgeland) on two Saturdays this summer. Please stop by and enjoy the wide selection of home baked goods including Diabetic Friendly and Gluten Free Offerings. If you would like to bake something for our sales, please contact David at 708.383.4815.

## *Young Architect's Day is Back!*

Saturday, August 15, 2pm to 5pm

Young Architect's Day allows children the opportunity to design and build anything their imagination can create. Wonder Works provides all the tools needed, including Legos, Duplos, Quatros, Kapla Blocks, Lincoln Logs, Wooden Blocks and lots of open space. Lego expert and creator of the Architecture Legos, Adam Reed-Tucker will be on hand with building tips. This event is free with regular museum admission.

*Note: We now have the Sears Tower legos on sale at Wonder Works for \$20!*

## *Wonder Works Back to School Carnival*

Friday, August 21 and

Saturday, August 22, 10am to 5pm

Join us for two days of fun and games at The Wonder Works Back to School Carnival. Back by popular demand, there will be activities for the whole family, including carnival games, miniature golf, special art activities, and entertainment. This event is free with regular museum admission.

## *Wonder Works Will Be Making the Donuts!*

...at the Oak Park Farmers Market (on Lake just west of Ridgeland) on Saturday, July 11, from 7am to 1pm. Come feast on the best donuts around, while supporting a worthwhile cause. Buy them by the plate or by the dozen. Beverages will also be available. (If you'd like to volunteer to help between 4 am and 1 pm, contact Liz at 708-383-4815. It's the volunteer experience of a lifetime...warms your heart and your tummy!)

*If you would like to help out Wonder Works and bake something for our sale please contact David at 708.383.4815.*

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## *Thank You to our Wonderful sponsors for Their Generous Support of the Museum:*

- Illinois Arts Council
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- The Lumpkin Family Foundation
- The MacArthur Fund for Arts and Culture at the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation
- Oak Park Area Arts Council
- Radio Flyer

...and a special thanks to our newest funder, the Art Work Fund for Organizational Development.



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## JOIN THE FUN ON THE GOLF COURSE

*Wednesday, June 17 at 11 am*

### **Traditions at Chevy Chase Golf Course**

**1001 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, IL**

Times are tough and the weather is cold, so it's a wonderful time to think golf. This annual fundraiser benefits Wonder Works, a Children's Museum in Oak Park, a non-profit committed to imaginative play, interactive learning and healthy communities. Funds raised help bring kids who are otherwise unable, into the museum so they can learn through excellent programming, special guests and creative fun.

- Reserve your foursome by May 7th for a discounted rate of \$800.
- \$225 per person after May 7th, \$850 for foursome.
- Hole sponsorships are just \$350.

To sponsor or play, contact Board President John Harris at 312.706.2529 ([jharris@a5inc.com](mailto:jharris@a5inc.com)), Lee Leibig ([leeleibig@broadcom.com](mailto:leeleibig@broadcom.com)) or Mike Griffin ([michael.griffin@wsj.com](mailto:michael.griffin@wsj.com)).

## *Wonder Works Classes on the Road!*

Sample a Wonder Works music class this summer at your local library. We will be holding three free-standing classes at the Oak Park Libraries in June. Each class will be 50 minutes long and will give you a sample of our classes at the museum. Please contact the library directly to register.

### **Music Makers**

*Main Library, Thursday, June 11, 3:30 p.m., ages 4-5*

Preschoolers and their parent/caregivers will use their bodies and voices to dance, sing, march and play musical instruments to favorite tunes old and new. Fast-paced fun to kick off your summer.

### **Terrific Tunes**

*Dole Library, Friday, June 12, 10:30 a.m., ages 2-3*

Children and their parent/caregivers will enhance their music appreciation and listening skills, while they enjoy marches, rhythmic dance and movement, instrument and prop use, along with their favorite songs.

### **Music for Little Ones**

*Maze, Tuesday, June 16, 10:30 am, age 1*

An exciting introduction to the world of music for one-year olds and their parent/caregivers. This hour features 30 minutes of traditional songs and percussion instruments and 20 minutes of activity to develop fine-motor and cognitive problem solving skills.