



Bay Area Discovery Museum

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HOURS
Tues-Fri, 9am-4pm
Sat-Sun, 10am-5pm

ADMISSION
\$8 children (1-17)
\$10 adults
\$8 seniors (62+)
Free under 1 & members

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Events for Children and Families for January & February 2008

REMINDER: Museum Admission Pricing Update

Please update all listings to reflect our new pricing **effective October 3, 2007:**

\$8 children 1 – 17

\$8 seniors 62+

\$10 adults

Children under 1 and members are free

Join us for FREE from 1 – 5 p.m. on the Second Saturday of each month: January 12 & February 9.

Museum Schedule Update

The Museum will be closed on Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

The Museum will be open on Monday, January 21 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Monday, February 18 for the Chinese New Year Festival.

Special Exhibitions

Adventures with Clifford The Big Red Dog™

Closes on January 6. Please remove from all listings.

Top Secret: Mission Toy

January 19 – May 4

Ever thought about designing and building a toy? Come be a toy detective and explore the insides and outsides of toys. Our new special exhibition, developed by the Canadian Children's Museum, lets kids don white coats and do cutting edge research at the Toy Central International Laboratory. Learn how toys are made, where they come from, and what they do. Featuring interactive and artifact toys from around the world, visitors encounter toys from other cultures and discover what kind of toy experts they already are.

Special Event: Discovery Forum

Learning is Child's Play: Celebrating the Role of Creativity in Learning

Monday, February 11

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ritz-Carlton Hotel

600 Stockton Street

San Francisco

The Museum, Board of Trustees, co-chair Lily S. Beischer, event advisor Amy Schoew, and Discovery Council co-chairs Courtney Finnegan and Julie Vlahos are honored to present keynote speaker Sir Ken Robinson, author of the groundbreaking book *Out of Our Minds: Learning to be Creative*, as he makes an irresistible case for the importance of creativity in the

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21st Century. The Discovery Forum raises support for the Museum's educational programs and exhibitions, and serves to increase awareness about current topics in education.

Individual ticket \$125; Reserved table for ten \$1,250

For more information or to purchase tickets call Jessica Watson, Event Planner and Council Liaison at (415) 339-3958

Festivals & Celebrations

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 21

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Make a peace flag in the art studio, and purchase tickets to a tribute performance by SoVoSó, an a cappella ensemble performing a rhythmic mix of jazz, gospel, world and R&B. Then step into our family reading area to learn more about Dr. King's life and the values he advocated. At 1 p.m., children 5 and older accompanying their parents are invited to view the Academy Award-nominated short film "Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks."

Chinese New Year Festival

Year of the Rat

Monday, February 18 (Presidents Day)

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Gung hay fat choy! Welcome the Year of the Rat by joining us for the Museum's annual celebration of Chinese New Year. Create a lucky red envelope or make a beautiful paper lantern. Try your hand at calligraphy or make your own traditional sweet pastry and we'll cook it for you. Learn more about the Chinese zodiac, and don't miss the spectacular lion dancers of the Marin Chinese Cultural Group, along with our other special activities.

Special Performances: World On Stage Ethnic Performance Series

Members \$7.50; General \$9.50

Register online.

For the fourth year in a row, the Bay Area Discovery Museum is teaming up with World Arts West to present World On Stage. This ethnic performance series takes you around the world through dance, music and folklore, featuring some of the Bay Area's most talented youth and adult artists.

Ballet Lisanga

Saturday, January 5

11 a.m.

The rich African tradition of storytelling is at the heart of Ballet Lisanga's performance. Daily life and culture are interpreted through spirited Congolese and West African dance and music.

Raices de Mi Tierra

Saturday, January 12

11 a.m.

Come celebrate the diverse cultures found throughout Mexico. Raices de Mi Tierra presents traditional folkloric dance and music performed by talented dancers wearing a beautiful array of regional dress.

Hui Tama Nui

Saturday, January 19

11 a.m.

See Hui Tama Nui, the “next generation” of young performers ages 5 to 21, carry on the tradition of Polynesian dance. Marvel at their power and grace as they perform intricate dance movements of incredible beauty.

SoVoSó

Monday, January 21

11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Come honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with SoVoSó. Be uplifted by this amazing a cappella ensemble’s unique, rhythmic mix of jazz, gospel, world and R & B music.

Barbary Coast Cloggers

Saturday, January 26

11 a.m.

This all male company’s innovative performance style celebrates the unique spirit of the North American dance form called clogging. It is an exciting synergy of traditional dancing imbued with originality, flare and creativity.

Murphy Irish Dancers

Saturday, February 2

11 a.m.

Performing a variety of step dances including jigs and reels, combined with impressive leaps, this amazing group of young dancers will connect you with age-old Irish traditions and joyous celebrations that are very much alive today.

Peruvian Dance Company

Saturday, February 9

11 a.m.

Experience the diversity of Peruvian culture. The Peruvian Dance Company reflects the many influences found throughout the different regions of Peru, including the Coast, the Andes and the Amazon, through traditional music and dance.

Ballet Afsaneh

Saturday, February 16

11 a.m.

This critically acclaimed ensemble, whose name comes from a Persian word meaning “legend” or “fairytale,” is inspired by the rich culture of the historic Silk Road. Clad in richly decorated costumes, Ballet Afsaneh presents the traditional music and dance of Afghanistan and Iran.

Yao Yong Dance

Monday, February 18

11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Gung hay fat choy! Come celebrate Chinese New Year with this talented ensemble of youth and adult dancers. Yao Yong Dance’s performance of folk and classical dance showcases the rich and diverse cultures of China.

Obakòso Dance & Drum

Saturday, February 23

11 a.m.

The series concludes with a performance of Afro-Cuban folkloric music and dance. Obakòso presents the melding of African traditional rhythms with the vibrancy of Cuban life.

Special thanks to World Arts West and the San Francisco Bay View.

Weekday Programs

Bangin' Twangin' & Shakin' with Miss Kitty

Wednesdays & Thursdays

January 9 – March 27

10 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Ages 6 months to 5 years

Members (child) \$5; General (child) \$6

Adults free with child.

Drop in only, no registration required.

Clap, jump, wiggle and sing to the delightful music of Miss Kitty! Program lasts 30 minutes.

Music Together® Sticks Collection

10-week Winter 2008 session of preschool music & movement

Tuesday, January 8 – March 18

Friday, January 11 – March 21

No classes February 19 or 22

Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:15, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Ages 6 months – 4 years with caregiver

Members \$200 first child; General \$245 first child

Additional sibling: \$180

Includes Museum admission.

Pre-registration required.

Register online.

Join instructor Stacy Walden for Music Together®, an internationally recognized approach to early childhood music development. Tuition includes a beautifully illustrated songbook and 2-CD set, along with a parent education guide. Sessions last 45 minutes.

Drop-in Activities (Free with Museum admission)

Meet the Author & Illustrator Wednesday Kirwan

Friday, January 25

11 a.m.

Studio 10

Congratulate Lead Art Guide Wednesday Kirwan as she shares her first picture book, published this fall, *Nobody Notices Minerva*. Meet Minerva, a feisty Boston terrier pup, who isn't getting any attention today. That is, not until she pulls the stuffing out of Dad's chair, spills her milk, and peels off the wallpaper. A story children and parents will relate to—everyone knows at least one Minerva! Find out more at www.noticeminerva.com

Daily Exhibition Programs

Join us for daily hands-on, early learner, science and art programs. Kids five and younger get a head start on fun with special story time and music activities. Check out the activity board at the front desk for daily programs.

Art Studios: Ongoing Themes

January 2 – February 10

Magical Sea Creatures

February 12 – March 30
Exploring Art from Nature

Weekend Drop-in Programs

Drop on in and experience our weekend program series that are sure to engage and delight your senses. Offered in the afternoon for visitors 4-years-old and up, these programs are designed for in-depth discovery to inspire and expand your knowledge.

Creative Explorations: Mythical Sea Creatures
Studio 10
Sunday, January 6
3 – 4 p.m.

Guest Scientist: Wild Care
Ceramics Studio
Saturday, January 12
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Creative Explorations: Boat Building
Wave Workshop
Sunday, February 3
3 – 4 p.m.

Guest Scientist: Tree Frog Treks
Ceramics Studio
Saturday, February 9
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

About the Bay Area Discovery Museum

Located at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge, the nationally recognized Bay Area Discovery Museum is a one-of-a-kind indoor/outdoor family museum that offers a full range of activities for children ages 8 and younger. The Museum's unique programs feature hands-on art and science exhibits, performances, workshops, cultural festivals and special events -- all with a focus on fun!

Families can explore a life-size shipwreck in Lookout Cove, climb aboard a real fishing boat, encounter a simulated tide pool, net plastic crabs in Bay Hall, create art in Studios 5 & 10, discover science in Wave Workshop, and romp in the Tot Spot, an interactive learning environment for kids 43" and under.

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