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Artist-in-Residence Program to Debut at Children's Museum of Denver

Museum seeking applications from Colorado artists to participate in quarterly residencies

Denver, CO – On the heels of the Children's Museum of Denver's expanded grand opening later this year, the Museum will launch an Artist-in-Residence program in January 2016 as a part of their new 2,300 square foot Art Studio.

The Artist-in-Residence program is open to local professional artists working in a variety of media including, but not limited to: painting, sculpture, installation, photography, clay, textiles, illustration and digital media. The Museum is currently accepting applications from Colorado artists to participate in the inaugural program.

The Artist-in-Residence studio will be located within the Museum's new 2,300 sq ft Art Studio, and is designed to function as both a studio and a teaching space where children and adults will be able to paint, work with clay (including a wheel and two kilns), and explore other art media, tools and techniques.

Artists will take residence in the Museum's studio for up to three months to work on an individual project and will facilitate monthly art-making experiences for Museum visitors, as well as hold weekly open studio hours to talk with guests about their work and demonstrate their artistic process. Additionally, the artist will work with groups of students, K-2nd grade, on monthly special projects and, together with Museum staff, will provide special workshops for low-income school groups as part of a continued effort to offer Museum access to children from Title I schools.

"This residency will put the artist right in the middle of active learning and play, allowing them to engage with young artists and their adults caregivers," said Lares Feliciano, Art Studio Coordinator at the Children's Museum of Denver. "Artists embarking on a residency at the Children's Museum can expect to be challenged, enriched and will have so much fun."

Applications for 2016 residencies are due July 31 (extended from an initial July 16 date). Four residencies will be awarded per year (winter quarter: January 1 – March 31, 2016, spring quarter: April 1 – June 30, 2016, summer quarter: July 1 – September 30, 2016 and fall quarter: October 1 – December 31, 2016). Those interested in submitting an application may contact Lares Feliciano at 303-561-0121 or LaresF@cmdenver.org for more information.

About the Children's Museum of Denver

The mission of the Children's Museum of Denver is to create extraordinary experiences that champion

the wonder and joy of childhood. We believe in kid-powered learning and every day, our expertly designed exhibits and programs open doors for Colorado's curious young minds to express what they know and to discover, create and explore more - on their own terms.

Since 1973, the Children's Museum of Denver has served the metro-Denver community as a learning institute dedicated to the education and growth of young children and their caregivers. The Museum provides rich play experiences and a dynamic learning environment for children to joyously learn through innovative and interactive hands-on exhibits, engaging daily programming and year-round special events. Last year, they served more than 359,000 children and their grown-ups.

The Museum is currently under construction on a \$16.1 million expansion to create a 9-acre campus and new experiences; doubling the size of the current facility. The expansion is slated for completion late 2015.

The Children's Museum of Denver is a 501(c)(3), private non-profit organization, and a Tier II SCFD member.

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