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## **Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus Debuts Artist-in-Residence Program**

*Program kicks-off with an opening reception for the Museum's first Artist-in-Residence,  
street muralist Jaime Molina*

Please note: The name of the Children's Museum has changed.

Please use "Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus" in all publications.

**Denver, CO**— On Wednesday, January 13 from 5 – 7 pm, the Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus will welcome Jaime Molina, the first professional artist participating in the Museum's inaugural Artist-in-Residence program. The opening reception is open to Museum visitors, media and invited guests and will allow attendees to interact with Jaime, explore his featured work and learn more about the program.

Molina is a Denver street muralist whose works can be seen throughout the city including Confluence Park, The Center for the Visual Arts and RiNo District. He graduated in 2003 with a BFA from Metro State University and has since made a variety of art pieces that focus on characters and worlds that resemble traditional and folk art with a modern twist.

"We could not be more excited to kick off this program with Jaime Molina, whose work reflects a perfect marriage of tradition and modernism," said Lares Feliciano, Art Studio Coordinator at the Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus. "All together, this program will bring a whole new dimension of art making experiences to our guests and will teach children that there isn't just one way to be an artist. Guests will have a blast learning alongside such creative and prolific local artists like Jaime."

The Artist-in-Residence program is the newest addition to the Museum, coming on the heels of an expansion project that more than doubled the Museum's size and features a new 2200 sq ft Art Studio that houses the Artist-in-Residence studio. The program will feature a different local professional artist quarterly throughout the calendar year. Open studio hours throughout the artist's residency will allow guests the chance to interact with the artist as they create a piece that they'll donate to the Museum at the end of their stay. They'll also host scheduled classes and workshops for Museum guests and children from Title 1 schools. The goal of the program is to show Colorado children how professional artists create their work and to explore a variety of different art media.

Jaime will offer studio hours on Wednesdays from 11 am – 1 pm and Saturdays from 11 am – 2 pm through March. The first studio session will take place on Saturday, January 16. Dates for classes and workshops will be released shortly and can be found on [mychildsmuseum.org](http://mychildsmuseum.org).

*Please note that, except for media and invited guests of the opening reception, adults must have a child with them to visit the Museum.*

### **About the Children’s Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus**

The mission of the Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus is to create extraordinary experiences that champion the wonder and joy of childhood. They believe in kid-powered learning and every day, their 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 at Marsico Campus 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 nearly 330,000 children and their grown-ups.

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

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