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Experience BLOOM, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh's One-Night-Only Summer Arts Festival

Visit from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Thursday, July 25

PITTSBURGH, PA – JULY 15, 2024 – Join Children's Museum of Pittsburgh for its 2nd annual after-hours arts festival, BLOOM, on Thursday, July 25, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This year's theme is Summer Wonderland, inspired by Lewis Carroll's beloved story, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

The museum will be transformed into a summer wonderland, with art making and demonstrations, and hands-on activities in Buhl Community Park and on the first floor of the Children's Museum. Programs will be indoor and outdoor (weather permitting).

Tickets for BLOOM are \$5 for all visitors for activities and may be purchased in advance at pittsburghkids.org or at the door.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh will partner with local artists and community groups to create one-of-a-kind activities that will let your creativity blossom, including:

- Adding to an art-filled community garden
- Hat upcycling with artist Cathy Oliver
- Yoga in Buhl Community Park, 7:00 8:00 pm
- Double Dutch rope jumping with Double Dutch Swing Squad

- Flower Tea Party with light refreshments (while supplies last)
- Drawing and painting floral arrangements
- Family portraits by OPYA Studios
- Face painting with Beanie Paints and Paint by Chrissy
- Museum Staff Art Showcase
- Photo opps featuring floral backdrops by Party Blooms

"BLOOM is such a special evening where we see creativity and inspiration flourish in visitors of all ages as they connect with artists through hands-on activities and demonstrations," says Anne Fullenkamp, Sr. Director of Design at the Children's Museum. "We're transforming the museum into a magical wonderland for one night only, this event is not to be missed."

Guests are encouraged to dress for the theme, in flowers or floral patterns, or come as they are!

Advance registration for BLOOM is recommended; \$5 tickets can be purchased at pittsburghkids.org. No other discounts or codes may be applied. Parking is available on site, on the street, and in our overflow lot at NOVA Place with a validated parking pass.

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About Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative and inclusive museum experiences that inspire kindness, joy, creativity and curiosity for all learners. We forge connections with artists, community partners and neighbors to work on behalf of children, youth and families. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas include The Studio, Garage, Waterplay, Kindness Gallery, Backyard and MAKESHOP®.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is open daily from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Admission is \$19 for adults, \$17 for children 2-18 and senior citizens. Children under two are free. The Museum is located on Pittsburgh's historic North Side at 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. For more information, please call (412) 322-5058 or visit the Museum website, www.pittsburghkids.org.

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