



Wonder Works

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009 NEWS

A Children's Museum in Oak Park

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

THE BOOGERS PERFORM FOR WONDER WORKS SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

January 25

The Boogers debut at Wonder Works for our January show. Musician Paul Crowe will perform original and classic children's songs in a rock 'n' roll style. Crowe uses music to both entertain and educate children, through call and response, rhyme, dance and performing new lyrics and melodies for traditional songs, creating a unique experience. Tickets are \$5 for members, \$7 for non-members and free for children under age one.

The Sunday Concert Series, a chance for children and families to experience a delightful lineup of performers, is made possible thanks to a grant from Mattel, Inc. on behalf of Eugene P. Beard and the Nancy Jones Beard Foundation and the Oak Park Area Arts Council.

ELLA JENKINS *February 22*

Come see Grammy Award Winner Ella Jenkins for our February concert. Known as "The First Lady of Children's Music," Ella is a Chicago native who has been educating children through her call-and-response song style for over 50 years. This Chicagoan encourages learning through play to teach kids about cultural diversity and creativity. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$14 for non-members.

THADDEUS REX *March 22*

Described by the *Washington Post* as part Monty Python, part Dr. Seuss, Thaddeus Rex travels around the country promoting reading, writing and rockin' music. Look forward to a radically engaging concert with a mixture of captivating music, hilarious interaction and an enthusiasm that is contagious. Tickets are \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Black History Month

A Month-long Celebration of Black History Month, with guided crafts on Fridays at 11:30 am and 4:00 pm, Ella Jenkins on February 22 and much more. For more details on upcoming activities, check our web site at www.wonder-works.org or call the museum at 708.383.4815.

Wonder Works Wish

List for Donated Items

- Card Board Tubes
- Card Board Egg Cartons
- Paper for Coloring and Easels
- Costumes
- Hand Puppets
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Musical Instruments
- Play Food and Plastic Fruit
- Building Blocks (all kinds)
- Art Supplies (all kinds)
- Packing Peanuts
- Beach Balls
- Kid Picnic Tables
- Rubbermaid Container w/ Lids
- Kid Sized Chairs
- Puzzles and Floor Games
- Plastic/Rubber Cones
- Bulk Copy Paper
- Outdoor Play Equipment

People donating these items can drop them off at Wonder Works. For additional information please call Wonder Works at 708.383.4815 or visit our web site at www.wonder-works.org.

Contribute to Wonder Works

Help us continue to offer wonderful programming and activities by contributing to our gift registry. From colored pencils to costumes; Legos to storage shelves, Wonder Works is committed to maintaining a useful and environmentally friendly space for our kids and their families. We appreciate any effort to help replenish the museum's supplies so we can continue to provide a space for creative play and learning. Please use the form below when making a contribution. For a complete list of items needed and additional information please call Wonder Works at 708.383.4815 or visit our web site at www.wonder-works.org.



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Amount Enclosed _____

WONDER WORKS LATE WINTER SESSION CLASSES

February 2 to March 28

Fifty percent of your child's learning takes place in the first four years of his or her life; most occurs within the first eighteen months. All later classroom learning is dependent on the concepts a child learns through play before even starting school. Studies on infant development have demonstrated that exercise and sensory stimulation will improve your child's learning potential as well as enhance his or her feelings of physical coordination and self-worth.

The Wonder Works Classes program is designed to give your child opportunities to fully exercise each unfolding capacity in a safe, challenging, supportive play environment. As an added bonus, the program allows children and parents to spend focused, quality time together without distractions.

Session 3 classes run from February 2 through March 28, 2009.

Thank You for a Great 2008

What a wonderful year we had at Wonder Works in 2008. We danced, sang, discovered and played. We've had numerous successful events and activities to enrich our communities. Children and their families have participated in storytelling and concerts, architecture and crafts workshops and several other educational programs that encourage hands on learning and creativity. We have an organic garden tended by kids, and continue to operate as an environmentally friendly museum. Thank you to all who helped to make 2008 a successful year at Wonder Works.

	Rebecca Borges RB	Karen Doherty KD	Barbara Gondela BG	Kathleen Hepburn KH		
EVENT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Tremendous Toddlers	10 am (TBD)		9 am (BG)			
Jumpin' Juniors	9 am (TBD)					
Bouncing Babies	11 am (TBD)					
Movin' & Groovin'			10 am (KH)			
Crafts for Two	9 am (KD)		9 am (KD)		10 am (BG)	
Partners in Crafts	11 am (KD)			10 am (KD)		
Family Crafts	10 am (KD)		10 am (KD)	9 am (KD)		
Exploring Art					9:15 am (RB)	
Terrific Tunes	10 am (RB)		9 am (KH)	9 am (KH)	10 am (RB)	
Threes on Key	11 am (RB)			10 am (KH)		
Music For Little Ones	9 am (RB)		11 am (KH)		9:15 am (BG)	
Super Saturday						9 am (RB/KH)

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2009

At Wonder Works, we are committed to enriching the lives of children and families. Look forward to a year full of exciting events and creative play at Wonder Works. In February we have a Black History Month celebration, followed by an Earth Day celebration in April. Please

save the date for the Wonder Works Golf Outing on June 17. In the fall, we celebrate our anniversary at our annual Wonder Works Gala and in November, the start of a new Sunday Concert Series. Check our web site, www.wonder-works.org for additional information on upcoming programs, activities and special events.