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**November at Imagine It!  
Features Curious George Exhibit, Dr. of Fun Science Workshops,  
Celebrity Reader: Brian Jordan, and Thanksgiving Celebration**

**ATLANTA, October 30, 2009** – Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta offers children unique, hands-on learning opportunities and sparks imagination through the power of play. Below is a schedule of feature exhibit information and special programming taking place at Imagine It! in November.

**Feature Exhibit**

**Curious George™: Let's Get Curious!**

**Now through January 24, 2010**

With curiosity and inquiry as their guides, children explore familiar buildings and locales from the Curious George books and television series on PBS KIDS in *Curious George™: Let's Get Curious!* The exhibit introduces young children to Curious George's world and leads visitors on a fun, meaningful interactive math, science and engineering-based adventure. Activities invite children to learn like George – through direct experience and problem solving.

*Curious George: Let's Get Curious!* exhibit was designed, developed and built by Minnesota Children's Museum in partnership with Universal Studios Consumer Products Group. The *Curious George: Let's Get Curious!* exhibit is sponsored nationally by 3M. Major funding for Imagine It! is provided by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners under the guidance of the Fulton County Arts Council.

**Get Curious!**

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 11:00 AM & 12:00 PM (except on November 27); Friday, November 27 at 1:00 PM; Wednesdays, November 18 & 25 at 1:00 PM; Saturdays, November 7, 14 & 21 at 3:00 PM; Saturday, November 28 at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM; Sundays at 12:00 PM (except on Sunday, November 22)**

In this 20-minute mini-musical, children meet a curious lad called Curious Chris (C.C.) who goes on adventures just like Curious George. He invites you to explore your world and get curious! Children join C.C., his Uncle Victor, and D.J. Soundsalicious as the Curiositer transports everyone to Africa to learn about math using African drum beats, to France to learn how baking is a chemical reaction, and to outer space to learn about the planets.

**Special Events**

**Día de los Muertos**

**Sunday, November 1 at 1:00 PM**

Come and learn about the history of this three-day Mexican holiday that honors and celebrates loved ones who have passed away. Join the Imaginators for "Day of the Dead" by Linda Lowery and make mini-planters. Children will plant marigold seeds in their planters since marigolds are the official flower of the holiday.

**Dr. of Fun: Bouncing Balls**

**Saturday, November 7 at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

Join the Dr. of Fun as he does an experiment with bouncing balls. Learn why balls bounce, see how high they bounce, and see if you can guess the results of his experiment. Children will even receive a bouncing ball of their own to experiment with at home.

**Banfield Teaches Pet Care**

**Saturdays, November 7 & 14 at 12:00 PM**

Join Banfield's vet nurse Amanda and her pet pooch as she shares with you the importance of pet care.

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### **Special Events (continued)**

#### **TellTale Theatre Presents Aesop's Fabulous Fables**

**Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 PM (Part of Target Free Second Tuesday programming)**

Join us for some of the favorite, fun and most meaningful fables of Aesop, with lots of audience participation. Stories include: The Lion and the Mouse, The Wind and the Sun, The Fox and the Grapes, The Fox and the Crow, The Kid Who Cried Wolf, and The Tortoise and the Hare.

#### **Children Thank Our Troops on Veteran's Day**

**Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 PM; Saturday, November 14 at 1:00 PM**

In honor of Veteran's Day, children will make patriotic cards thanking our troops. Veteran's Day Discount: November 7-15 – active, reserve and retired military get in free and their children or guests get our \$9.50 military rate.

#### **Celebrity Read It!: Brian Jordan**

**Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 PM**

Brian Jordan will be reading his children's book, "I Told You I Can Play," which chronicles Jordan's childhood experiences as the youngest of three siblings, and his efforts as a six-year old to prove to the older siblings and their friends that he belongs. "I Told You I Can Play" books will be available for purchase and proceeds will go to the Brian Jordan Foundation and Imagine It! Children's Museum of Atlanta.

#### **Dr. of Fun: Centrifugal Force**

**Saturday, November 21 at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

Round and round we go, where we stop nobody knows! Watch as the Dr. of Fun does some wacky experiments to teach children about centrifugal force. What will happen to the objects he's spinning around? Plus, children will see sugar spin and get some cotton candy to take home.

#### **The Georgia Ballet: A Taste of "The Nutcracker"**

**Sunday, November 22 at 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM**

The Georgia Ballet will ring in the holidays with excerpts from their adaptation of the beloved classic "The Nutcracker." Dreams really do come true in this delightful holiday story! Follow the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Nutcracker on Christmas Eve as they dance in the fabled Kingdom of the Sweets. "The Nutcracker" features choreography by Iris Hensley, the founder of The Georgia Ballet, which is currently celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Dancers from The Georgia Ballet will demonstrate their grace and beauty while exciting audiences young and old.

#### **Thanksgiving Songs and Stories**

**Friday, November 27 at 11:00 AM**

Imaginators will read two delightful stories that celebrate Thanksgiving: "The Night Before Thanksgiving" by Natasha Wing and "Ten Fat Turkeys" by Tony Johnston. Then, children will make Thanksgiving crowns, sing Thanksgiving songs, and have a parade of thanks to celebrate Thanksgiving.

#### **Meet the Holidays: Eid al-Adha**

**Saturday, November 28 at 12:00 PM**

Children learn about the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha as the Islamic Speakers' Bureau of Atlanta presents the story of Abraham. They will learn about the Hajj, the annual journey to Mecca by Muslims from around the world, and create make-and-take crafts that represent the three days of the Hajj.

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### **Ongoing Events**

#### **The Science Wondershop with Brian "Dr. Science" Williams**

**Sundays, October 11 – December 13 at 11:30 AM & 12:30 PM**

The Science Wondershop offers children the opportunity to explore topics in science by participating in exciting hands-on activities. The program is designed for adult-child interaction to encourage imagination, curiosity, and an interest in the exploration of our world. Limited space available. First-come, first-served.

#### **Target Free Second Tuesdays**

**Second Tuesday of Every Month**

**Now through December 2009 from 1:00 PM-7:00 PM (November 10)**

Through a sponsorship by Target, admission is free for all visitors who come during these special hours. Free tickets will be available at the Museum starting at 1:00 PM during each Target Free Second Tuesday, and the Museum will close at 7:00 PM. The free tickets are issued on a first come first served basis as Museum capacity permits. Once the Museum reaches capacity, tickets are only issued as capacity in the Museum becomes available. Reservations are not accepted.

[http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org/visitors/target\\_tuesday\\_faqs](http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org/visitors/target_tuesday_faqs)

#### **Read It!**

**Every Sunday at 3:00 PM**

Children are encouraged to grab a blanket and delve into the world of books during Read It! This half-hour story time, sponsored by McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, is devoted to fostering literacy and encouraging young children to embrace the magic of books. Children join a special guest or an Imaginator as a colorful, creative storyteller extraordinaire who arrives with bookmarks and an armful of stories.

**Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta** is a smart place to play and a non-profit organization offering a family-friendly space filled with interactive, educational exhibits and programming for children ages eight and under. The Museum's mission is to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all children through the power of play. The Museum's four permanent learning zones consist of bright, creative, hands-on exhibits that are designed to give children an opportunity to learn through play. Imagine It! also offers parties, memberships, field trips, and facility rentals. **Museum hours: Monday through Friday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM. Admission is \$12.50 plus tax for adults and children ages 2 and above; children under 2 are free. Imagine It! is located at 275 Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW.** The Museum is closed for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. **For more information or to support Imagine It!, visit their new website at [www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org](http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org) or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].**

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