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MAKE SOME NOISE WITH THE RETURN OF RAINFOREST RHYTHM! Musical exhibit returns on Saturday, July 17

PHILADELPHIA, PA — Get ready to explore the tropical wonders of the rainforest when *Rainforest Rhythm*, one of Please Touch Museum's most popular interactive exhibits, returns on Saturday, July 17. The 2,800 square foot exhibit is part of the museum's *River Adventures* zone located in the First Floor East Gallery.

"At Please Touch Museum, we believe in celebrating music because it transcends language and age. In *Rainforest Rhythm*, kids will be learning about how to produce different sounds on nature-inspired musical instruments, all while having fun and experiencing Please Touch Museum's mission of learning through play," says Jennifer Bush, Vice President of Education at Please Touch Museum.

Kids can spin segments on a rain stick log and hear the gentle sounds of a tropical waterfall or create a symphony of sounds—their own "jungle jam session"—by beating out rhythms on drums made to resemble fallen trees. Nesting on a seven-foot log is a group of singing frogs that children can interact with. Also joining in the chorus of nature are a group of chattering monkeys and a nine-foot Forest Snake, whose unique texture children can explore by touching. A life-size elephant holds up a conga drum log, on which children can beat out rhythms as they join in the chorus in this lively, raucous symphony of nature.

Storybook Cottage, an area designed specifically for toddlers, provides an intimate space for storytelling and is a safe haven for reflecting on the experienced wonders. The museum's youngest visitors can pretend to paddle down a tropical river in a dugout canoe or grab a pair of mallets and beat out rhythms on a forest marimba.

Rainforest Rhythm is also home to a collection of 12 "Totems" by Philadelphia artist James Dupree. All of the Totems are made from clay, wood, human hair, straw, acrylic paint, plastic and glass. In these artworks, visitors will see the combination of everyday objects easily recognizable brought together to evoke a sense of spirituality and humanism.

Rainforest Rhythm will run through October 24 and is the primary exhibit in the museum's temporary-exhibit space, which seasonally houses special exhibits, such as the ABC Games, the *Enchanted Colonial Village* and traveling exhibits.

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Please Touch Museum® at Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park is dedicated to enriching the lives of children by providing learning opportunities through play. Recognized locally and nationally as one of the best children's museums, Please Touch is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and children age one and over. Children under one are free. For more information, please call 215-581-3181, or visit our web site at www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.