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**SPRING SERIES OF PARENT-CHILD PLAYDATES WILL FOCUS ON
CREATING ART AND MUSIC TOGETHER**

Philadelphia, Pa. – Please Touch Museum, the Children’s Museum of Philadelphia, re-launches the popular *You & Me Playdates* series this spring with four months of creative parent-child play sessions. The workshop series offers parents and children an opportunity to join together to create music and art in joyful and innovative workshops facilitated by museum educators.

“*You & Me Playdates* provide opportunities for children to choose from a variety of materials and give them time to explore through active involvement,” said Nora Banks, Arts Coordinator at Please Touch. “Each workshop session is unique, utilizing different activities, themes, and learning concepts. The sessions will provide an opportunity for families to come back week after week to create new memories”

The 2011 season kicks off in March with **Instrument Safari**, a four-week session (Mondays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28) where parents and children can join us on our journey as we explore the wide world of musical instruments. Each week we will discover and play with a new instrument family. Everyone will be surprised by some of these unique music makers. All sessions include a fun instrument to take home so you can continue the music and learning wherever you are.

Let your creativity shine with us in **Storybooks Art and Illustration** (Mondays, April 4, 11, 18 & 25). Learn about the art of storytelling and create some of your own art during this interactive, literacy-based workshop series. Explore creativity, self-expression and imagination through special story times and art experiences.

Bebop and boogie your way through May with **Jazz for Juniors** (Mondays, May 2, 9, 16 & 23). Join the cool cats as they come out to play and learn about all things jazz! This *You, Me & Music Playdate* incorporates art, stories, dance, character visits, and take home activities, all with a musical focus with highlights jazz.

Parents and children can find inspiration in Please Touch Museum's collections objects by creating art using toys this June with **Young at Art** (Mondays, June 6, 13, 20 & 27). Families will have a "hands-on" interaction with the museum's collection of toys and an opportunity to explore a diverse set of new painting materials. This workshop series is all about toys, art and of course, play!

Playdates take place on Mondays for one hour, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m., and all prices include museum admission for one child and one adult. Additional fees apply for each additional child. To reserve a space in any session, call 215-581-3178.

Workshop sessions are \$20 per session or 4 sessions for \$75 for members and \$25 per session or 4 sessions for \$90 for nonmembers. Multiple child discounts are \$5 per child for members and \$10 per child for nonmembers.

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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 www.pleasetouchmuseum.org.