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PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM CELEBRATES STORIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

Please Touch Museum, the Children's Museum of Philadelphia, will showcase literacy this April as the **Celebrate Stories performance series**, presented by the *Albert M. Greenfield Foundation*, brings a unique literacy- based performance to Hamilton Hall each weekend.

Join the fun each weekend in April as stories come alive. This year's performances include:

- *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns- April 2nd and 3rd at 12:00pm and 2:00pm
- *The Soldier's Tale* performed by the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia- April 9th at 1:30pm and 3:30pm
- *Giants of Jazz* an interactive jazz performance- April 10th at 12:00pm and 2:00pm
- *Cinderella*, a ballet performance by Pages to Pirouettes- April 16th and 17th at 12:00pm and 2:00pm
- Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*- April 23rd and 24th at 12:00pm and 2:00pm

On select Wednesdays and Fridays in April, Please Touch Museum will welcome a storyteller from Shofuso Japanese House and Garden for Kamishibai Storytelling! As part of **Celebrate Stories**, and the **Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia**, museum visitors can enjoy classic Japanese tales performed in the Kamishibai style. Kamishibai is a Japanese storytelling tradition, in which an oral story is accompanied by a sequence of picture cards that illustrate the story.

On April 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th and 22nd at 12:00pm and 2:00pm a Story Teller will appear in the City Park exhibit with a Kamishibai story attached to the back of a bicycle, as they are traditionally presented.

In culmination of Celebrate Stories, the 26TH Annual Please Touch Museum Book Awards Ceremony will take place Friday April 29th at 12 PM in Hamilton Hall with a ceremony that includes live readings by the winning authors! The ceremony is open to the public. The winners will be announced the first week of April.

All events are free with general admission to Please Touch Museum. More information is available at http://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org/events/celebrate_stories/

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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.