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EXPLORE T/M WITH LITTLE ADVENTURES THIS SUMMER

Guided tours and hands-on workshops Wednesdays and Saturdays

May 30, 2017 (KANSAS CITY, MO) – Get out of the heat and discover something new at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures! Little Adventures begins June 7 and continues every Wednesday and Saturday through August 12. From 1-3:30pm, explore the museum collection through gallery talks and guided tours, then visit the hands-on workshop to make your own toy or miniature. From robots to miniature rugs, each week features a new theme. Little Adventures is included with museum admission and recommended for ages seven and up. Museum members enjoy all ten weeks for free!

- WHAT** Little Adventures Summer Program Series
- WHERE** The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures
5235 Oak Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64112
- WHEN** Wednesdays and Saturdays
June 7 – August 12
Guided tours and gallery talks at 1PM and 2PM
Come-and-go, hands-on workshop 1PM – 3:30PM
- COST** \$5 for general public
Free for members
Free for UMKC faculty, staff, and students

MINIATURE MASTERPIECES

JUNE 7 | JUNE 10

Fancy yourself a tiny Leonardo da Vinci? Be inspired by T/m's fine-scale miniature painting collection with works created using brushes that only have one hair! Then, channel your inner Vincent van Gogh or Johannes Landman to paint your own miniature masterpiece on canvas and finish it with a frame of your choice.

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STUFFED ANIMALS

JUNE 14 | JUNE 17

They're soft and cuddly, and you can never have too many of them. But what does it take to design one from beginning to end? Explore toy designer Donna Moore's innovative plush toys, and stitch your own small teddy bear to take home.

MINIATURE ROOM SETTINGS

JUNE 21 | JUNE 24

Journey across the world and through time from Tudor England to Colonial America on a tour of T/m's magnificent miniature rooms. Back in the present, make your own miniature room setting in a tiny tin complete with furniture, wallpaper, and flooring.

TOYS GO TO WAR

JUNE 28 | JULY 1

When the world went to war, toys often followed suit. Discover the stories behind the museum's toy soldiers, airplanes, and tanks. Then, make your own parachute trooper and launch it off the museum's grand staircase.

SPLENDID CERAMICS

JULY 5 | JULY 8

From tiles and dishware to vases and sculptures, learn how miniature ceramics are crafted. Then, try your hand at molding and painting a miniature plate.

TOYS OF THE FUTURE

JULY 12 | JULY 15

Blast off on a tour of astounding toys inspired by outer space. But make sure to return to Earth to create your own moving robot out of recycled materials.

ROCKING ROCOCO

JULY 19 | JULY 22

In the 18th century, Rococo style was all the rage. Journey through the museum's miniature Palace of Versailles to learn about French royalty, and make your own miniature desk fit for a king.

OZ-SOME OPTICAL TOYS

JULY 26 | JULY 29

Thaumatrope and Zoetrope and Magic Lanterns, oh my! Discover these wonderful whirling toy inventions from the Victorian age and create your own 3D optical toy featuring a *Wizard of Oz* scene.

WOVEN WONDERS

AUGUST 2 | AUGUST 5

Stitches smaller than the eye can see? Find out how artist's quilt, weave, and needlepoint in miniature. Then, use a loom to weave your own miniature rug.

SURPRISE PROGRAM

AUGUST 9 | AUGUST 12

We wish we could tell you what this one is about, but the museum's education interns are keeping the topic on lockdown. But we do know that it will be a brand new, fun program, so come enjoy it with us!

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Little Adventures
Collection Inspiration

Low and high resolution photographs available upon request.
CREDIT: The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures



Teddy Bear, 1905, Steiff, Germany



Infanta Margarita Teresa, 2001
Hanna Kahl-Hyland, American



Flying Saucer, c. 1963, Yoshiya, Japan



Charger, 2005, Lee-Ann Chellis Wessel, American



Raggy Doodle U.S. Parachute Trooper, c. 1943
Prager and Rueben, United States



Tambour Desk, 1989, Harry Smith, American



View-Master, c. 1973
G.A.F. Corporation, United States



Twin Manors, 1989
William R. Robertson, American

ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

The National Museum of Toy and Miniatures educates, inspires, and delights adults and children through the museum's collection and preservation of toys and miniatures. Located on the University of Missouri - Kansas City campus, the museum exhibits the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys. The museum reopened on August 1, 2015, after a year-and-a-half, \$8 million renovation. For more information, call (816) 235-8000 or visit www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org.

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