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**SNEAK PEEK AT RARE BABY DOLL
Unique Museum Event Will Benefit KC Charity**

September 5, 2018 (KANSAS CITY, MO) – The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures (T/m) is celebrating the arrival of a historic baby doll to their collection with a “baby shower” that will give visitors a sneak peek at the doll *and* benefit a local charity.

Measuring just 10 inches, T/m’s bundle of joy was “born” in the late 19th century and is the work of African-American artist Leo Moss. Moss, a handyman in Macon, Georgia, made his portrait dolls in the likeness of family, friends, and members of the community. He molded the heads out of papier-mâché and purchased the bodies and glass eyes. Moss’s dolls are works of art. The museum is thrilled to welcome such an important and rare work into the collection.

T/m’s baby remained with the Moss family until the 1970s, and has most recently been a part of the Myla Perkins collection. It is not marked with a name like some of Moss’s other dolls, so its gender is indiscernible. T/m has chosen to name the doll Baby Moss after its creator. Baby Moss has brown glass eyes, molded hair, and a dimple in one cheek.

The shower welcoming Baby Moss will be on September 23, 2018, and will benefit Happy Bottoms, a Kansas City diaper bank. Guests who arrive between 1:30 and 3:30 with a new package of disposable diapers will receive free admission to the museum and a peek at Baby Moss. Refreshments and a keepsake (while supplies last) will be included. Baby Moss will be on exhibit in T/m’s doll gallery in February 2019.



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