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Children's Museum of Manhattan Named Finalist for 2022 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service

NEW YORK—The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced today that Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM) is among 30 finalists for the 2022 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. CMOM is one of two institutions in New York State to be selected as a finalist for this award. The Wild Center in Tupper Lake is also a finalist.

“CMOM is honored to be recognized for our commitment to making early childhood education available to all children and families throughout New York. Our mission is to be the stewards of early childhood and to help our youngest citizens grow and develop into their best selves,” said Leslie Bushara, CMOM’s Chief Program Officer. “From developing world-class program models to serving as a community resource for under resourced families, we are committed to translating research into engaging educational programs for children of all backgrounds.”

The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries that demonstrate significant impact in their communities. For more than 25 years, the award has honored institutions that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities.

“So many museums, so many libraries have done such good work over the last two very difficult years. We are proud to present the 30 finalists for the IMLS National Medal,” said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. “Their work is emblematic of the response of the library and museum worlds to simultaneously fulfilling their mission and serving their communities.”

To celebrate this honor, IMLS is encouraging CMOM’s community members to share stories, memories, pictures, and videos on social media using the #ShareYourStory and #IMLSmedals hashtags, and engage with IMLS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For more information, please visit the [IMLS website](#).

National Medal winners will be announced in early June. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions during a virtual National Medal Ceremony this summer.

To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit the [IMLS website](#).

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