



Travel the world in a single museum visit!

This is a first-of-its-kind exhibition for children and families to celebrate the diversity of Muslim cultures in America and around the world through art, architecture, design, music, travel, trade, and more!



Children's Museum of Manhattan

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Object Cases

Discover world-class museum objects on loan from local partners including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum, the Hispanic Society of America, and private donors.



ARCHITECTURE

Uncover the beauty and variety in Muslim architectural design

- Take a virtual trip inside some of the world's most magnificent mosques
- Design a building inspired by Muslim architectural shapes and styles
- View a variety of New York City's mosques

Original Artwork
by emerging local American Muslim artists



GLOBAL MARKET

Interact with products and foods from around the world

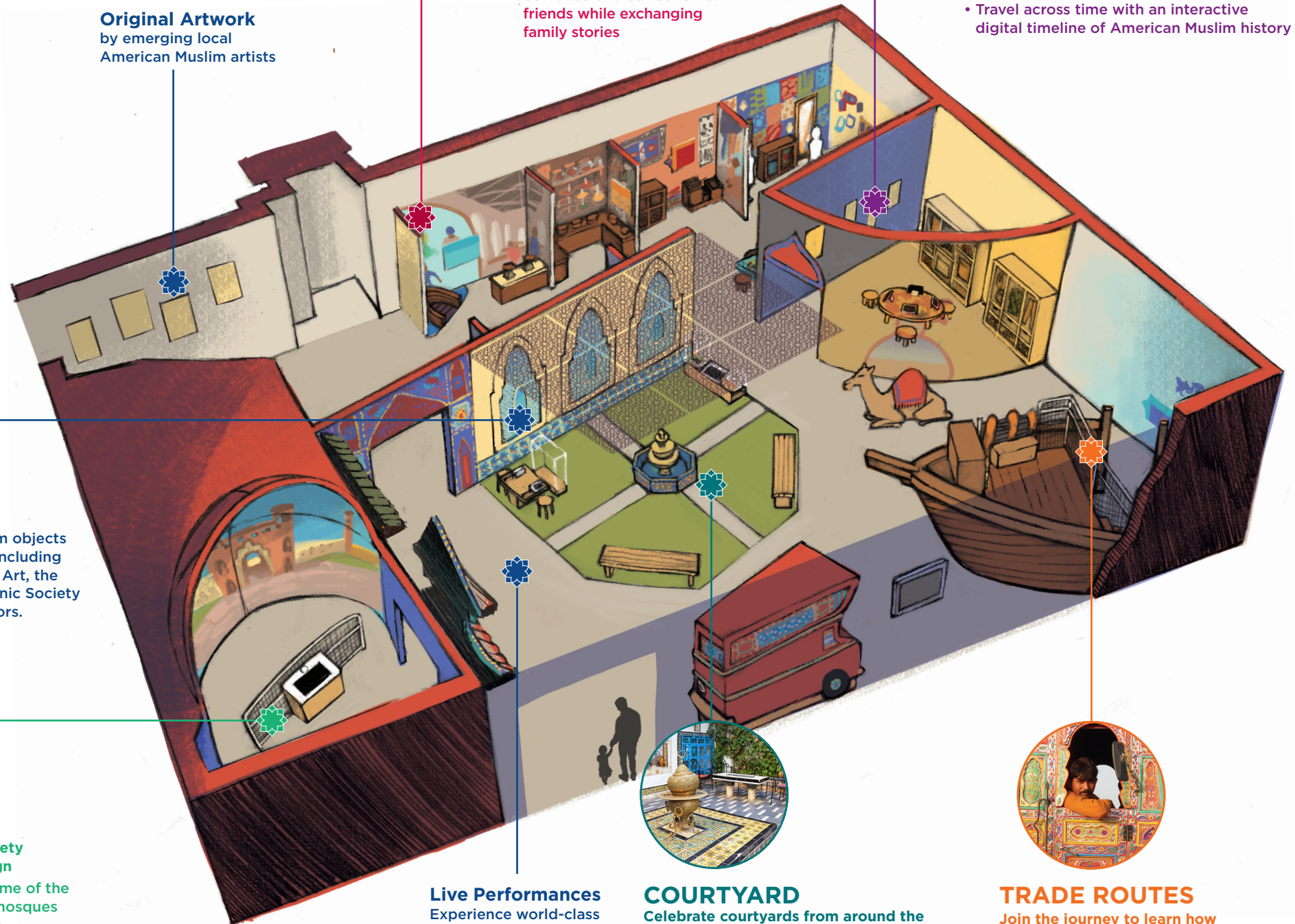
- Pretend to buy, sell, and trade spices, fish, fruit and ceramics
- Design outfits with colorful fabrics, roll and sell rugs woven with secret messages
- Serve tea and coffee to new friends while exchanging family stories



AMERICAN HOME

Explore stories, objects, clothing and art from local American Muslim homes

- Write and learn how to say "My Name Is..." in 21 languages spoken by Muslim New Yorkers
- View objects and listen to stories from local American Muslim families and explore artwork by emerging artists
- Travel across time with an interactive digital timeline of American Muslim history



Live Performances

Experience world-class performances, artist demonstrations, and cooking workshops by American Muslim artists, dancers, musicians, storytellers, and chefs.

COURTYARD

Celebrate courtyards from around the world in a Persian style garden setting

- Create music by blending the sounds of instruments from around the world
- Play an object guessing game with a stunning assortment of hand-made objects
- Add a drop to the community water fountain, and share how you would make your community better, one drop at a time



TRADE ROUTES

Join the journey to learn how trade and intercultural exchange go hand in hand

- Be the captain of an Indian Ocean dhow! Load and unload goods from around the world
- Pack your bags and climb onto the camel for a desert journey
- Decorate a Pakistani truck before driving off to deliver your wares



BACKGROUND

After launching successful exhibits on Ancient Greece, China and Japan, the Children's Museum of Manhattan continues to prepare children to thrive in our interconnected world with our new exhibit, *America to Zanzibar: Muslim Cultures Near and Far*, which celebrates the diversity of Muslim cultures around the globe. With an international network of advisors from academia, research, civil society, government and the arts we have translated this compelling subject matter into innovative, interactive experiences surrounded by awe-inspiring immersive environments.

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RELATED OFFERINGS

Daily Public Programs

- **Interactive Discovery Carts** provide a deeper exploration of exhibit topics. For example, explore the art and architecture of mosques of the world, design intricate and ornate courtyards, and stimulate your senses by smelling a variety of world spices.
- **Art and Design Workshops** offer opportunities to design textiles inspired by Moroccan rugs, create NYC/Senegalese-inspired fashions, paint delicate patterns and floral motifs inspired by Turkish ceramics and even decorate a miniature Pakistani truck with paintings, calligraphy, bells and mirrors.
- **Live Performances** will celebrate the rich traditions and cultural diversity of Muslim communities. Renowned musicians, dancers and performers will include: Filipino dance group; Kinding Sindaw Melayu Heritage Dance Theater Ensemble; Bangladeshi-American storyteller Arif Choudhury; Trinidadian Tabla player Roshni Samlal; Saung Budaya Indonesian Dance Group; the Indian dance group; Surati for Performing Arts; the Center for African and Diaspora Dance; and Egyptian Celebration Dance Company.

Programs outlined above are representative and may be subject to change. Visit the Children's Museum Calendar at www.cmom.org/visit/calendar for updated information.

Educator Tours and Discussions

Educators and museum professionals are invited for exhibit walk-thrus to explore how interactive exhibits and hands-on arts can facilitate dialogue around intercultural differences and cultural expression.

Guided School Group Visits

Each guided visit includes a 90-minute exhibit tour and hands-on workshop for groups ranging from Pre-kindergarten through 8th grade.

- **You, Me, We** investigates the similarities and differences that make up communities around the world.
- **Amazing Mathematics** uncovers the mathematic principles behind design elements in Muslim architecture.
- **Air, Land, Sea: Travel and Trade** explores the complex relationships between international trade and the sharing of values and traditions.

Community Outreach Programs

Innovative traveling museum programs visit community centers, schools, and libraries across NYC's five boroughs.

- **Art Around the World** introduces techniques, styles and mediums from different regions including Turkey, Pakistan and West African countries.
- **From Anansi to Zeus** shares the rich tradition of storytelling prevalent in many Muslim cultures.

Birthday Parties and Event Rentals

The exhibit's colorful design and captivating subject matter offers a distinctive background for all types of festivities.

To learn more about these opportunities, please e-mail info@cmom.org.

