



**MEDIA ALERT
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CMOM CELEBRATES MUSEUMS, CREATIVITY, AND A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY THIS MAY!

New York, NY – This May, the **Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM)** invites families to explore the power of museums, creativity, and storytelling through a month-long series of immersive programs. From honoring **International Museum Day** to venturing into galaxies far, far away, CMOM's engaging activities will spark curiosity, celebrate artistic heritage, and bring families together through the joy of art and imagination.

Throughout the month, visitors can **create memory-filled artworks** inspired by **Japanese artists and artists of mixed Japanese ancestry**, exploring themes of family, culture, and belonging. In partnership with **The Culture Tree**, CMOM will host a special **Parents Day** celebration honoring caregivers and intergenerational storytelling. Families will also have the opportunity to reflect on **Memorial Day** through hands-on artmaking projects that pay tribute to history and remembrance.

One of the most anticipated events of the season, **May the 4th Be With You: Star Wars Weekend**, invites young Jedi to embark on an intergalactic adventure filled with **galactic-inspired crafts, space-themed activities, and a celebration of the iconic sci-fi universe**.

May Program Highlights Below:

May Public Programs 2025: *Home is Where the Art Is*

This May, step into a world of memories, museums and creativity! Our exciting artmaking this month will focus on Japanese artists and artists with mixed Japanese ancestry who celebrate family, culture, and belonging. Come to CMOM all month long to craft cozy, heart-filled artworks that turn special moments into lasting treasures.

Join us for Parents Day in partnership with the Culture Tree, celebrate the importance of museums in honor of International Museum Day, learn about Memorial Day, and spend a weekend exploring different galaxies with our *May the 4th Be With You* Star Wars weekend.

May 1 – 30

Patterns of Belonging

Discover how artists use colors and patterns to tell stories of family and cultural roots and design your own patterned keepsakes!

Thursday & Friday, May 1 – 2; Tuesday – Friday, May 6 – 9

Crochet Play

Artist [Lisa Solomon](#) combines embroidery, crochet, and felt to remember her grandmother, who taught her how to crochet. Weave beads with fun ribbon and yarn to make woven art as unique as you!

Thursday & Friday, May 1 – 2; Tuesday – Friday, May 6 – 9 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | Ages 5 & up | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Washi Collage

Explore different patterns, textures, and transparencies of Japanese Washi paper and create your own family collage!

Thursday & Friday, May 1 – 2; Tuesday – Friday May 6 – 9 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

May the Fourth be with You

Celebrate *Star Wars* Day at CMOM! Create super fun art-making projects in commemoration of this galactic (yet unofficial) holiday!

Saturday & Sunday, May 3 – 4

Space Creatures and Flying Pods!

Create your own mini clay space creature and design a flying pod for them to explore the universe!

Saturday & Sunday, May 3 – 4 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

Rocket Light Board Sensory Activity

Turn the dial, press the button, and flip the switch! Test out your engineering skills by activating different light signals on a rocket's dashboard.

Saturday & Sunday, May 3 – 4 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Parents' Day

Celebrate Parents' Day at CMOM all weekend long! Join us as we create thoughtful gifts and think about the special grown-ups in our lives in partnership with the Culture Tree.

Saturday & Sunday, May 10 – 11

Parents' Day Celebration with the Culture Tree and author Nandana Sen

Join us for a special reading of Nandana Sen's new book, *Not Yet!* This book explores a child's fantasy world, and the connection between parent and child bedtime. Then, join us for an interactive dance workshop and fun family games you can play together!

Saturday, May 10 | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | *Inside Art*

Love Vases

Create a beautiful vase for someone you love!

Saturday, May 10 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | Makerspace

Sunday, May 11 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | Makerspace

“You Rock!” Painting

Paint on a rock to make a gift for a special grown-up in your life. Let them know how much they rock!

Saturday & Sunday, May 10 – 11 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

International Museum Day

Celebrate International Museum Day with CMOM all week long! Create your own museum building inspired by installation artist Yayoi Kusama, sing and dance with a musical performance from Wendy & DB, and create your own 3D exhibits inspired by CMOM!

Tuesday – Sunday, May 13 – 18

Performance: Wendy & DB International Museum Day Celebration!

Musicians Wendy & DB join us to celebrate International Museum Day with their new album, *Sunny Side Up!* Enjoy positive perspectives as we sing and dance along with one of CMoM’s favorite bands.

Sunday, May 18 | 11:00 am – 11:30 am & 12pm – 12:30pm | Drop-in | All ages | 1st Floor | *Inside Art*

Yayoi Kusama Installation

Create a collaborative reflective and mixed-media installation, inspired by the work of Yayoi Kusama. Create your own self-portrait to take home and celebrate all the kinds of art you can see in a museum!

Tuesday – Friday, May 13 – 16 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

Saturday & Sunday, May 17 – 18 | 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

3D Paper Exhibit

Celebrate International Museum Day! Create your own 3-D exhibit.

Tuesday – Friday, May 13 – 16 | 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Saturday & Sunday, May 17 – 18 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Holding Home in Our Hands

Create textured art that feels like a warm embrace, using plush materials, soft pastels, and layering techniques to bring cozy feelings to life.

Tuesday – Sunday, May 20 – 25

Family Pattern Printmaking

Inspired by Japanese artist [Mayumi Oda](#), families will create textile prints using foam sheets. Give your loved one a special artwork to hang up at home!

Tuesday – Sunday, May 20 – 25 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

Pocket-Sized Home Charms

Craft small "home charms" using clay or fabric, shaping tiny sculptures of houses, favorite objects, or symbolic keepsakes. These tactile pieces will serve as reminders of what makes a home feel special!

Tuesday – Friday, May 20 – 23 | 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Saturday & Sunday, May 24 – 25 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Memorial Day

Commemorate Memorial Day with the comfort of community art and shared spaces at CMOM.

Monday, May 26

Memory House Collages

Families are invited to create a memory house collage, filling each room with images, symbols, or words that represent loved ones they want to remember—family traditions, favorite recipes, or small rituals passed down.

Monday, May 26 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

Memory Ribbon Installation

Draw or write a happy memory onto a piece of ribbon. Tie the ribbon to our growing community installation honoring wonderful people and places.

Monday, May 26 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

A Seat at the Table

Food brings people together! Create art inspired by shared meals, cherished recipes, and the traditions that turn a table into a gathering place.

Tuesday – Sunday, May 27 – June 1

My Favorite Food Magnets

Realistic versions of foods out of ceramic and other non-edible materials are often put on display in Japan to invite people into restaurants! Find inspiration from artists such as Urata Takako and other artists and sculpt your own favorite snack as a magnet for your fridge. It's good enough [not to] eat!

Tuesday – Sunday, May 27 – June 1 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Drop-in | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

Feast for the Eyes 3D Collage

Have you eaten sushi? What about ramen noodles? Families will learn about foods in Japan and create a playful dish inspired by how these dishes are made. Have fun shaping pretend food from soft materials such as tissue paper, cotton balls, and paper!

Tuesday – Friday, May 27 – 30 | 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Saturday & Sunday, May 31 – June 1 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Drop-in | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

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