



**MEDIA ALERT
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THIS SPRING, CMOM IS BURSTING WITH PUPPET-POWERED FUN FOR SPRING RECESS, PASSOVER CELEBRATIONS, AND AN EPIC EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

Spring has sprung at the Children's Museum of Manhattan, and we're inviting families to make the most of the season with hands-on creativity, cultural celebration, and joyful learning!

We kick things off with **Passover programming** from **April 11–13**, featuring artmaking, storytelling, and puppetry that bring the themes of freedom, hope, and resilience to life for young learners. From sewing Afikomen covers to crafting frog puppets and playful Seder plate characters, CMOM offers meaningful and memorable ways to explore tradition through creativity.

Then from **April 14–17**, **Spring Recess transforms into Nature Puppet Fest!** Children can sculpt garden gnome puppets, meet local puppet artists, sing with Chickenshed NYC, and contribute to a collaborative recycled art installation — all while learning about community, climate, and creativity.

And it all builds to our can't-miss, **museum-wide Egg-stravaganza weekend April 18–20**, complete with eco-friendly basket weaving, wooden egg painting, a puppet-themed scavenger hunt, and sensory play for our youngest visitors.

With something new happening every day, CMOM is *the* place to be for families in NYC this spring.

Passover (and Puppets!)

Join us for celebration of Passover through interactive artmaking and puppet projects, and learn about the Passover story, which centers freedom, hope, and resilience!

Friday – Sunday, April 11 – 13

- ***Afikomen* Sewing**

The hunt for the *Afikomen* is one of the most exciting parts of the Passover Seder! During the Seder, families break the matzoh in half, hiding one portion, known as the *Afikomen*, for the children to seek out later for dessert. Sew your own matzoh cover, and add some personal touches with fabric, letters, and maybe even googly eyes!

Friday, April 11 | 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm | Sign-up | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

- **Freedom Frog Puppets**

Inspired by the Passover story, we'll create frog puppets using felt and crafting materials

from Materials for the Arts. Make them hop around as part of the Passover tale!

Friday, April 11 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

Friday, April 11 | 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | *Inside Art*

Saturday & Sunday, April 12 – 13 | 10:30 am – 12:15 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

- **Storytelling Seder Plate**

Make a mini-Seder plate with play food puppets to use in a storytelling game about the Passover traditions and meal.

Friday, April 11 | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Saturday & Sunday, April 12 – 13 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

Break Week: Nature Puppet Fest!

Celebrate puppetry with performances, guest artists, and crafting with recycled materials.

Monday – Thursday, April 14 – 17

- **Pop-up Puppets**

Create eco-friendly puppets out of recycled materials, wood, and other natural objects!

Monday & Tuesday, April 14 – 15 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | *Inside Art*

- **Garden Gnome Clay Puppets**

Decorate tiny garden gnomes using felt and markers. Design a mini garden with real moss for your new gnome friend to tend to!

Monday & Tuesday, April 14 – 15 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

Wednesday & Thursday, April 16 – 17 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

- **Rescue Team Puppets**

Make big paper puppets of community helpers like service workers, doctors, teachers, and other role models! Use fabric to create their attire, outfits, and uniforms! Don't forget the accessories!

Monday – Thursday, April 14 – 17 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

- **Chickenshed NYC Puppet Singalong!**

Join our friends from Chickenshed Puppet Theatre and their different puppet characters for a fun puppet sing-along!

Monday, April 14 | 11:30 am – 11:50 am & 12:00 pm – 12:20 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

- **Recycled Art Installation with Artist Dan Jones**

Dan Jones is a Queens-based puppetry artist, writer, and multi-disciplinary theater maker whose design and fabrication work has been seen on stages across the country, as well as many Off-Broadway and Broadway productions. In this interactive drop-in space, create exciting puppets made out of recycled materials. Play off of Jones' otherworldly creatures to create your own original puppets and start to see everyday objects with new eyes.

Tuesday, April 15 | 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm | All ages | 3rd Floor | Discovery Classroom

- **Recycled Art Installation**

Kick-started by guest artist Dan Jones, bring your creativity and add your own puppet creature made from everyday objects to our fun recycled cardboard installation!

Wednesday & Thursday, April 16 – 17 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | *Inside Art*

- **Sing with the Earth! Hila the Earth Performance**

Hila the Earth is an Eco-Rapper and comedian who performs as Planet Earth. Join us for an interactive concert where you can learn about advocating for the earth! Move your feet to songs about trees, vegetables, and reducing plastic waste. Get into colorful costumes and play along with nature themed puppets!

Wednesday, April 16 | 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm & 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | *Inside Art*

- **The Culture Tree: Climate Warriors Puppet Show**

The Culture Tree and WonderSpark Puppets present the journey of three environmentally responsible friends who join forces to save planet Earth! Join us as we introduce young children to climate change and what we can do to help reverse the ways in which it has impacted our beautiful planet!

Thursday, April 17 | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | *Inside Art*

Easter Egg-stravaganza!

CMOM's museum-wide egg hunt is back! Join us for a weekend-long celebration and fun-filled activities including basket weaving, puppet-egg hunts, egg painting, and more!

Friday – Sunday, April 18 – 20 | Museum-wide

- **Puppet-Palooza Scavenger Hunt: New York Edition!**

The city's puppet friends are waiting to be found! Search for NYC-inspired puppets around the museum, from iconic NYC cars to a Broadway star, and complete the challenge to win a prize!

Friday – Sunday, April 18 – 20 | 10:30 am – 4:30 pm | All ages | Museum-wide (prize collection is on the 3rd floor)

- **Easter Basket Weaving**

Weave, loop, twist, and curl repurposed materials to create an eco-friendly Easter basket that promotes the importance of recycling and the joy of spring.

Friday – Sunday, April 18 – 20 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | *Inside Art*

- **Painted Wooden Egg Friends**

Accompany your upcycled basket by painting your own wooden egg character inspired by spring florals and bright colors!

Friday – Sunday, April 18 – 20 | 10:30 am – 12:15 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace

- **Egg-stravagant Park Sensory Bin!**

Play "I Spy" with our museum facilitators to find all the buried eggs in our park-themed spring sensory bin!

Friday – Sunday, April 18 – 20 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks*

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