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## **MEDIA ALERT: Rainbow-Inspired Art, Eid al-Adha, Juneteenth, and More this June at CMOM**

**MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE RAINBOW-INSPIRED ART, EID AL-ADHA, JUNETEENTH, AND MORE, INVITE FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE AND CREATE TOGETHER THIS JUNE**

**All programs are free with admission**

**New York, NY — June, 2025** — The Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM) is turning up the color and creativity this June with a vibrant lineup of programming celebrating community, culture, and summer fun! From Pride-inspired art and Eid al-Adha crafts to Juneteenth jam sessions and joyful water-themed activities, CMOM invites families to gather, create, and honor the many communities that shape New York City.

**Highlights for June at CMOM include:**

### **We Are the Rainbow: A Rainbow of Possibility**

Kicking off the month, families can explore rainbows through art, music, and movement. Kids can create

**Rainbow Joy Jars**, dive into **Loose Parts Rainbow Sensory Bins**, and join in puppet shows and interactive storytimes—like **Little Cloud** and **The Rainbow Fish**—to spark imagination and pride.

### **Eid al-Adha**

From June 5–8, CMOM celebrates Eid al-Adha with watercolor postcards and charity boxes, sharing messages of kindness, community, and caring for others.

### **Parents' Day**

On June 14–15, little ones can craft thoughtful gifts and colorful rocks for the grown-ups who make their world go 'round.

### **We Are the Rainbow: Proud to Color Our World**

June 24–29 brings rainbow-filled artmaking with **3D Pride Flags** and **mini Pride Parade Floats**, honoring LGBTQ+ Pride Month and the beauty of self-expression.

### **Juneteenth**

On June 19, CMOM invites families to explore the significance of Juneteenth through joyful art, music, and learning. Activities include a **Free To Be Me Mural**, a **Juneteenth Musical Jamboree**, and an interactive artist workshop with Lillian Young, inspired by the “grandmother of Juneteenth,” Opal Lee.

### **Summer-Long Water & Nature Fun**

This summer CMOM celebrates water. Starting in June, kids can dive into undersea crafts, glow-in-the-dark puppet-making, and watery art as CMOM celebrates water as a source of life and creativity.

All programs are designed for children ages **0–6** and their caregivers.

A complete schedule of programs is listed below. To share with your audience and to plan your visit, go to: [cmom.org/programs](http://cmom.org/programs)

### **We Are the Rainbow: A Rainbow of Possibility**

Families are invited to soak up the fun as we open Dynamic H2O and celebrate water all summer long! This month, we'll focus on rainbows, silver linings, and celebrating Pride month through artmaking, special guest artists, and fun science experiments! We'll also celebrate Parents' Day, Eid al-Adha, and Juneteenth with special activities and art projects.

Rainbows can represent hope and promise — especially after stormy weather. Kick off June with colorful artworks made by our favorite artists: you!

**Tuesday & Wednesday, June 3 – 4; Tuesday – Friday, June 10 – 13**

### **Rainbow Joy Jars**

Decorate a jar and fill it with drawings, affirmations, or tiny objects that represent what brings you joy, pride, and personal power!

**Tuesday & Wednesday, June 3 – 4; Tuesday – Friday, June 10 – 13 | 10:30 am – 12:15 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace**

### **Loose Parts Rainbow Sensory Bin**

Sort, arrange, and play with different textured and colored objects. No matter how the objects are arranged, you are sure to create a rainbow of colors!

**Tuesday & Wednesday, June 3 - 4; Tuesday - Friday, June 10 - 13 | 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

### **Alphie's Storytime: *Little Cloud* by Eric Carle**

Little Cloud likes to stand out from the crowd. When all the other clouds drift up, he goes his own way, changing shapes to become a sheep, an airplane, a shark and a funny clown. It's all fun for little cloud but so is making it rain! Join us for an interactive read-aloud followed by a collage activity.

**Thursday, June 12 | 4:00 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

### **Eid al-Adha**

Eid al-Adha is the second of two important festivals in Islam, alongside Eid al-Fitr. Join us as we learn more about this holiday and create special art projects that focus on giving back to our community.

**Thursday - Sunday, June 5 - 8**

### **Eid al-Adha Watercolor Postcards**

Kind messages are often sent to neighbors and friends for Eid al-Adha. Create your own watercolor cards to give to your community and learn how to wish people a happy holiday in Arabic!

**Thursday - Sunday, June 5 - 8 | 10:30 am - 12:15 pm & 2:00 pm - 4:15 pm | Ages 5 & up | 1st Floor | Makerspace**

### **Eid al-Adha Charity Boxes**

This holiday is celebrated with family, meals, and acts of kindness to remind us of sharing and caring for others. Decorate a charity box with gifts or kind words to give to someone in need.

**Thursday - Sunday, June 5 - 8\* | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

**Sunday | 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 1st Floor | *Inside Art***

\*Sunday, June 8: *PlayWorks* will close at 1:00 pm

### **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.

## **Saturday & Sunday, June 14 - 15**

### **Love Vases**

Create a beautiful vase for someone you love!

**Saturday & Sunday, June 14 - 15 | 10:30 am - 12:15 pm & 2:00 pm - 4:15 pm | 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, June 14 - 15 | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

### **We Are the Rainbow: Somewhere Under(water) the Rainbow**

Express yourself and create your own colorful and exciting underwater creature. Join us for a weekend dance or dress-up party!

**Tuesday & Wednesday, June 17 - 18; Friday - Sunday, June 20 - 22**

### **Glowy Underwater Creature**

Create your own glow-in-the-dark underwater creature with repurposed materials, stickers, and glowsticks. We can't wait to see what you make!

**Tuesday & Wednesday, June 17 - 18; Friday, June 20 | 10:30 am - 12:15 pm & 2:00 pm - 4:15 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | Makerspace**

**Saturday & Sunday, June 21 - 22 | 2:00 pm - 4:15 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | Makerspace**

### **Rainbowfish Texture Art**

The rainbowfish is a freshwater fish known for its vibrant colors. Create your own version of the rainbowfish with 3D scales!

**Tuesday & Wednesday, June 17 - 18 & Friday, June 20 | 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

**Saturday & Sunday, June 21 - 22 | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

### **Alphie's Storytime: *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister**

Listen to a story about a small rainbowfish with shiny, multi-colored scales. He learns about sharing and humility in this heartfelt picture book with beautiful artwork.

**Tuesday, June 17 | 4:00 pm | Ages 5 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

**Rainbow Glow Dance Party**

Join us for a Family Dance Party! Grab your underwater creature and a glow stick and dance along to family-friendly hits.

**Saturday, June 21 | 4:15 pm – 4:35 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | *Inside Art***

**Be Yourself with Miss Jae!**

Join Drag Artist Miss Jae as we celebrate ourselves and how special we are! Sing songs, learn some dance moves, play dress up, and be our fabulous selves alongside Miss Jae.

**Sunday, June 22 | 11:00 am – 11:30 am & 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | *Inside Art***

**Juneteenth**

**Thursday, June 19**

Celebrate Juneteenth as we learn about this special holiday through interactive art making projects in celebration of Black liberation, resilience, and joy!

**Free To Be Me Mural**

Join us to celebrate Black joy and love as we create a collage inspired by contemporary artists like Derrick Adams, Kerry James Marshall, and Amy Sberald.

**Thursday, June 19 | 10:30 am – 12:15 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | *Makerspace***

**Juneteenth Musical Jamboree**

Join us for a musical jam session to celebrate Juneteenth! Decorate your own paper instrument, add to the festivities by playing a song of celebration; All the while learning about the annual celebrations held in Galveston Island, TX honoring this National holiday of freedom.

**Thursday, June 19 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

**Artist Workshop: Juneteenth Zines with Lillian Young\***

Join us for an exciting day exploring Juneteenth with artist Lillian Young! Young's series Black Elder Archive features a portrait of the "grandmother of Juneteenth", Opal Lee. We'll learn more about Lee through art, read-alouds and video, and then create our own zines with textured paper and markers.

**Thursday, June 19 | 10:30 am – 11:15 am; 11:30 am – 12:15 pm; 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm; 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm | \*Sign-up on-site at the Museum | Ages 5 & up | 3rd Floor | Discovery Classroom**

### **We Are the Rainbow: Proud to Color Our World**

Rainbows are an international symbol for LGBTQ+ Pride. Join us as we color our world to honor community and our individual expression!

**Tuesday – Sunday, June 24 – 29**

### **3D Pride Flag!**

Create a giant 3D Pride banner to honor Pride Month!

**Tuesday – Sunday, June 24 – 29 | 10:30 am – 12:15 pm & 2:00 pm – 4:15 pm | All ages | 1st Floor | Makerspace**

### **Pride Parade Floats**

Decorate your own mini pride boat! Test if your boat floats by joining the mini-Pride Parade in our water sensory bin. Hold onto that boat and bring it with you to our special Alpie's Storytime: *Everyone Loves a Parade!* By Andrea Denish

**Tuesday – Friday, June 24 – 27 | 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

**Saturday & Sunday, June 28 – 29 | 11:15 am – 12:15 pm & 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

### **Alpie's Storytime: *Everyone Loves a Parade!* By Andrea Denish**

What is your favorite part about going to a parade? The bright colors? The fun music? The crowds of people celebrating? Join us for a special storytime exploring the many ways people celebrate in parades around the country. Stick around after the reading to march in a pride parade around *PlayWorks* and express what makes you feel proud! Wave a ribbon wand or show off your Pride Parade Float creation as we celebrate NYC Pride.

**Sunday, June 29 | 4:00 pm | Ages 4 & younger | 3rd Floor | *PlayWorks***

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### **On-Camera Interviews and On-Site Visits Welcome:**

We'd love to welcome your crew for live or taped coverage. Please let me know if you'd like to coordinate interviews, need general CMOM b-roll, or have any special requests.



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