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**National Children's Museum to Receive \$25,000 Grant
from the National Endowment for the Arts**

WASHINGTON—National Children's Museum is pleased to announce it has been approved by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to receive a Grants for Arts Projects award of \$25,000 to support the expansion of the Museum's Artist-in-Residence Program. This grant is one of 1,251 Grants for Arts Projects awards totaling nearly \$28.8 million that were announced by the NEA as part of its first round of fiscal year 2023 grants. National Children's Museum is the only museum in Washington, D.C., to receive a Grant for Arts Project award this funding round.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects in communities nationwide," said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, Ph.D. "Projects such as this one with the National Children's Museum strengthen arts and cultural ecosystems, provide equitable opportunities for arts participation and practice, and contribute to the health of our communities and our economy."

"National Children's Museum is a vital part of the artistic community and cultural landscape in our nation's capital, engaging artists in various ways to showcase artistic expression and inspire the next generation of artists," said Crystal R. Bowyer, President and CEO of National Children's Museum. "We are honored to receive a grant from the NEA to help support the continuation of our Artist-in-Residence Program, which will enable the Museum to partner with a local artist to create new artistic programs and a collaborative art installation to inspire equity and sustainability, and artists of all ages."

The mission of National Children's Museum is to inspire children to care about and change the world. By intentionally integrating the arts and creative process throughout all exhibits and experiences, the Museum fosters innovation, creative design thinking, and idea sharing among children. Showcasing artwork throughout the exhibits and allowing for creation in the *Tinkerers Studio*, the Museum is committed to supporting artists of all ages. The Artist-in-Residence Program enhances the institution's ability to provide unique artistic experiences that complement the wonder of the Museum experience.

Support from the NEA will enable the Museum to partner with a local, DC-based artist to create and implement artistic programs focused on equity and sustainability. The 2023 Artist-in-Residence will provide arts programming opportunities for Museum visitors on-site, as well as for partner organizations in the community. In addition to the delivery of art workshops, the residency will culminate in a collaborative art installation displayed at the Museum.

National Children's Museum will undergo a request for artist applications this spring. For more information on other projects included in the NEA's grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).

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About National Children's Museum

STEAM adventure awaits at National Children's Museum, located in the heart of downtown Washington, D.C.! With a mission to inspire children to care about and change the world, the Museum sparks curiosity and ignites creativity for children under the age of twelve and their families. Through playful science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) based exhibits, programs, and virtual offerings, the Museum reaches millions of people each year. Learn more and plan your visit at nationalchildrensmuseum.org.