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OPEN DOORS KIDS DEBUTS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH WITH A FULL SCHEDULE OF CREATIVE PLAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG ART FANS

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS KIDS

Newark, NJ, September 28, 2017– On Saturday, October 14th, Newark Arts and Newark Mommies will present Open Doors Kids, a day-long schedule of artistic events aimed at engaging youth, families and caregivers during the 16th Annual Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival. Debuting as a new festival offering, Open Doors Kids will provide kid-friendly music, arts and crafts, and mini-arts education sessions that the entire family will enjoy. With the support of the Newark Arts Education Roundtable (NAER) and New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), children of all ages are welcome to drop in anytime on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 between 10am and 2pm to join the free fun.



“Newark Mommies is excited to have curated a full schedule of creative events as a part of Open Doors. We know how important the arts are to our young population, and are happy to be a part of this new ‘festival within a festival,’” said Tamara Remedios of Newark Mommies.

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Drop-in unless times are specified.

Newark Public Library: (10am-2pm Drop-in) – 5 Washington Street

- My Newark Story: Kids can create Newark themed bead art, button making and coloring station.
- Chalk on the Walk: Join artist Kenely Torres to create and decorate a temporary sidewalk mural

Newark Museum: (10am, 11am, 12pm – starts on the hour) – 49 Washington Street

- Creative Play: Early learners (age 7 and under and their siblings) and their caregivers will explore and engage with the Latin American collection and then create their own inspired piece of art.

Paul Robeson Galleries: (10am-3pm Drop-in) – 54 Halsey Street, Express Newark Rm. 312

- Jazz coloring book: coloring book images of famous jazz musicians provided along with colored pencils and fine-tip markers
- You’re A Star: create and decorate a microphone out of recycled materials. Take a polaroid photo of yourself striking a pose with your creation at our photo station with props such as sunglasses and hats

Barnes & Noble: (10am-2pm Drop-in) – 42 Halsey Street

- Paint & Sip for kids: painting and bead crafts for little ones of all ages

Newark Print Shop: (11am-2pm Drop-in) – 54 Halsey Street, Express Newark, 2nd Floor

- Postcard Printing Workshop: Kids of all ages are welcome for stencil monoprinting on the etching press to create their own custom postcards.

GlassRoots: (11am-2pm Drop-in) – 10 Bleeker Street

- Sand Art: Kids of all ages are welcome to create their own sand art bottle pendant

Paul Robeson Galleries: Jazz for Kids (12:30-2pm) – 54 Halsey Street, Express Newark, main galleries

- Caleb and Allison Rumley Quintet: Fun, family friendly concert right in the middle of the exhibition “Records at Play: Institute of Jazz Studies @50.” This exhibition and concert gives audiences of all ages the chance to learn about jazz, improvisation, and musical collaboration.

WBGO Kids Jazz Concert: (1:30-3pm) – Newark Symphony Hall – 1020 Broad Street

- Eli Yamin will present Jazz Power – an interactive program for families with Zah! Jazz Youth and Antoinette Montague. Recommended for kids ages 7-11 with an adult.

FAMILY REFRESH ZONE @ Express Newark (10am-3pm) – 54 Halsey Street, Rm 312

Recommended for families with children of all ages, the Family Refresh Zone will be a laid-back area for weary art-goers to cool their heels. Featuring stroller parking area, phone charging station, refreshments, and art activity stations for kids and adults to enjoy. Additionally, the adjacent room 310 will be designated as a Nursing and Diaper Changing station. It will be outfitted with comfortable chairs, tables, and a phone charging station. A sink will be available.



OPEN DOORS KIDS APPROVED!

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood LIVE: (2 pm and 5:30 pm) – NJPAC – 1 Center Street
Join Daniel Tiger and friends at NJPAC and enjoy a 15% discount (for the 5:30 pm show only) courtesy of Open Doors Kids! Head to newarkarts.org/opendoors for the discount code.
See you at Open Doors Kids!

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About Open Doors Citywide Arts Festival (Open Doors): Newark Arts' signature celebration of the arts, Open Doors 16th season is October 12-15, 2017 in Newark, New Jersey. Over four inspiring days, the city's bustling arts scene will explode with an awe-inspiring array of exhibits, screenings, workshops, artist talks, performances, open studios and more! Visit newarkarts.org/opendoors for a complete schedule of events and follow Newark Arts at: Facebook.com/newarkarts, Twitter: @newark_arts and IG: @newarkarts.

About Newark Arts (formerly Newark Arts Council): Newark Arts' mission is to power the arts to transform the lives of those who work, live and play in the great city of Newark, New Jersey. Established in 1981, Newark Arts advances and expands the resources and offerings of arts and cultural organizations in the great city of Newark, New Jersey. Newark Arts provides leadership, direction, and technical assistance through partnerships with artists, arts administrators, community organizations, community development corporations, planning groups, economic development agencies, and government agencies as well as the general public. For more information, visit www.newarkarts.org.

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