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“FOREVER YOUNG” EXHIBIT OPENS OCTOBER 8

Victorian Photographs of Children and Their Toys at The National Museum of Toys/Miniatures

September 29, 2016 (KANSAS CITY, MO) – Before taking a picture was just a click of a button, having a photograph taken was serious business. A portrait was a rare record of not only an individual’s appearance, but their personality and history; children were posed with their favorite toys. *Forever Young: Victorian Photographs of Children and Their Toys*, on view from October 8, 2016 to March 26, 2017 at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, features over 100 early photographs from the private collection of Nick Vaccaro.

The daguerreotype, ambrotype, and tintype photographs on display are rare glimpses into childhood during a period in which families were having fewer children and infant mortality rates were high. Visitors will explore why the children are not smiling, marvel at the intricate cases protecting these rare, cherished photographs, and view some of the toys featured in the photos, including the museum’s beloved Izannah Walker doll, Miss Mary. In conjunction with *Forever Young*, join the museum this fall for two programs:

MEET THE EXPERTS: VICTORIAN PHOTOGRAPHY

OCTOBER 9, 2016 | 2-3PM

Get to know the experts at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures through this five-week exploration of special topics. On October 9, T/m’s photography specialist will examine early Victorian photography and portraiture in conjunction with the new exhibit, *Forever Young: Victorian Photographs of Children and Their Toys*. The program includes a lecture and gallery visit. Included with museum admission.

DARLING DAGUERREOTYPES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 | 10AM – 4PM

In Victorian photographs, children were often posed with their prized toys. During the museum’s day-after-Thanksgiving workshop, bring your favorite toy or choose one from the T/m’s education collection to get your snapshot taken and turned into a faux daguerreotype. Then, decorate a case for your new portrait just like those in *Forever Young*. Included with museum admission.



WHAT *Forever Young: Victorian Photographs of Children and Their Toys*

WHERE The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures
5235 Oak Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

WHEN October 8, 2016 – March 26, 2017
Open Daily 10am – 4pm
Closed Tuesdays and major holidays

COST \$5 for ages 5 and up
Free for ages 4 and under
Free for members
Free for UMKC faculty, staff, and students
Free for active duty service members and their families

ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

The National Museum of Toy and Miniatures educates, inspires, and delights adults and children through the museum's collection and preservation of toys and miniatures. Located on the University of Missouri - Kansas City campus, the museum exhibits the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys. The museum reopened on August 1, 2015, after a year-and-a-half, \$8 million renovation. For more information, call (816) 235-8000 or visit www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org.

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