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HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

Explore the museum with family and friends this holiday season

November 16, 2015 (KANSAS CITY, MO) –The halls have been decked and Father Christmas is on his way to The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures. Discover the world’s largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the nation’s largest collections of antique toys sprinkled with decorations this holiday season.

In addition to snapping photos of seven-foot-tall Big Bear in a giant Santa hat and miniscule garlands and ornaments in the 1:12 scale Georgian Colonial Twin Manors, don’t miss the museum’s rare and fragile Izannah Walker doll, Miss Mary, on display in the temporary exhibit, *Forever Young, Victorian Photographs of Children and Their Toys*, for a limited time.

Need a little extra yuletide cheer? Mark your calendar for one of the museum’s many holiday events:

DARLING DAGUERREOTYPES

Friday, November 25, 2016 | 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 museum’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 the temporary exhibit, *Forever Young: Victorian Photographs of Children and Their Toys*.

COLEMAN DOLLHOUSE OPENING

Saturday, December 3 | 10am – 4pm

The annual tradition returns! See the museum’s nine-foot-tall dollhouse decked out for the holiday season. Get up close as museum educators open the doors for a day of in-depth talks about the museum’s largest dollhouse. Talks at 10:30-11:30am, 1-2pm, and 2:30-3:30pm.

MUSIC IN THE MUSEUM

Saturday, December 10 | 1-3pm

Take a break from the hectic holiday season to enjoy traditional holiday music from Simple Strings in the museum’s historic Tureman Education Center. **(MORE)**



FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES TO T/M

Sunday, December 18 | 1-3pm

Father Christmas comes to T/m to share stories of holidays past. Professional storyteller Jim "Two Crows" Wallen will engage the entire family with interactive tales of Old Saint Nick in the museum's historic Tureman Education Center. Be sure to bring your camera so you can snap a keepsake photo of your family with Father Christmas!

All events will be held at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures and are included with museum admission.

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

COST: All activities are included with museum admission.
\$5 for ages 5 and up
Free for ages 4 and under
Free for members
Free for UMKC faculty, staff, and students

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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