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**LOUISIANA STATE MUSEUM HOSTS FREE  
CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND CRAFT FESTIVAL AT THE OLD U.S. MINT**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007**  
**2:00-6:00 PM**

The Louisiana State Museum is proud to present the first annual Children's Music and Craft Festival on Saturday, September 15 on the grounds of the Old U.S. Mint. Produced in collaboration with 3 Ring Circus Productions, this **FREE** festival will feature exhilarating performances by Louisiana bands, and hands-on children's art projects led by Louisiana artists.

"We want to provide families access to Louisiana's diverse culture because connecting people with their heritage instills in them a sense of pride about who they are and where they came from," said Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu, who oversees the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, which includes the Louisiana State Museum.

The exciting musical line-up features artists representing different styles of Louisiana music. **Papillion**, a children's musician and teacher for more than 20 years, uses song, story, and music to celebrate his Cajun childhood in south Louisiana. Also appearing is **Dave and Roselyn** – a husband and wife team who engage the audience with their humorous, interactive songs, while teaching them about the blues and it's evolution in the state of Louisiana. The **Panorama Jazz Band**, a fixture of the New Orleans music scene, focuses on Caribbean music and incorporates dancing, clapping, and sing-a-longs. Rounding out the musical performances is acclaimed percussionist **Luther Gray** who will demonstrate his skills on the African bamboula drums.

The hands-on craft activities will be lead by local artist-educators Heather Weathers and Kirah Haubrich. Children will be able to create second-line umbrella and tambourines to use while enjoying the musical performances.



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Angèle Davis, Secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism said the Museum was the perfect host for this festival. “The Louisiana State Museum houses the worlds largest collection of artifacts related to Louisiana history and culture,” Davis said. “This is the perfect opportunity for families to learn about Louisiana’s unique cultural history.”

The Children’s Music and Craft Festival is presented by the Louisiana State Museum in conjunction with 3 Ring Circus Productions. Additional support is provided by the Arts Council of New Orleans.

The Louisiana State Museum, a complex of national landmarks housing thousands of artifacts and works of art reflecting Louisiana's legacy of historic events and cultural diversity, is part of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, which is overseen by Lt Governor Mitch Landrieu. The Museum network includes five properties in the famous French Quarter: the Cabildo, Presbytere, 1850 House, Old U.S. Mint and Madame John's Legacy. Other sites include Baton Rouge, Patterson, Natchitoches, and Thibodaux.

For more information about the Louisiana State Museum please call 800.568.6968 or visit <http://lsm.crt.state.la.us>.

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