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A young visitor to Portland Children's Museum eagerly peers in on the Water Works exhibit scheduled to reopen Friday, July 15 with a weekend of celebratory events planned.

Water Celebrated at Children's Museum

A weekend of wet and wild events is in store to celebrate the long-awaited re-opening of Water Works, the Portland Children's Museum's much-loved water play exhibit, Friday, July 15 to Sunday, July 17.

Kids are invited to wear their favorite water gear—swimsuits, rain

boots, fishing gear, or whatever catches their fancy. The first 50 kids who come in costume on opening day will receive a free Water Works water bottle.

The new exhibit features a 12-foot high waterfall, a hand-cranked "conveyor belt" that carries water in whimsical recycled objects like

mugs, kitchen tools, and even an old shoe, an array of instruments that kids play by spraying with water, and a "flow table" that allows kids and grownups to experiment with creating and changing a flow of water.

Founded in 1949, Portland Children's Museum is a hands-

on museum for children from birth to 10 years old. The non-profit museum's mission is to inspire imagination, creativity, and the wonder of learning in children and adults. The Children's Museum is located at 4015 S.W. Canyon Rd., across from the Oregon Zoo.



Music Walk on Thursday

The Second Thursday July 14 Music Walk on Mississippi Avenue will showcase the diversity of local talent and businesses on the north Portland street.

Many restaurants, studios and clubs will be featuring live music throughout the night. Other participating merchants along the avenue will be open late for business, with some holding their own events such as music, open houses, and art exhibits.

At Bold-Sky Café & Studios, Scot Law performs free from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Belle Epoque Salon features the Urban Punk Fashion Show, Hip-Hop dance performances and the opening of Douglas Photographs.

Mississippi Studios will feature Klezmocracy, an Afro-Hebrew musical stew at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Mississippi Pizza will showcase Blue Cranes and Rebecca Sanborn at 7 p.m. with a \$5 cover charge.

Pasta Bangs presents music from Jim Boyer from 7 to 9 p.m. Quirks and Quandaries will have a workshop until 8 p.m. on travel games making—a simple craft for kids ages 5 and up.

Historic Mississippi Avenue invites you to stroll down the avenue and enjoy the sights, sounds, surprises and people.



Rachel Taylor Brown performs Wednesday, July 20 at Peninsula Park in north Portland.

Local Park Hosts Summer Concert

The igneous and metamorphic rock sounds of the Rachel Taylor Brown Band comes to the gazebo at Peninsula Park on Wednesday, July 20 between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. for a free performance as part of the Portland Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Concert Series.

The appearance will be a homecoming of

sorts for the band. Bass player John Huckfeldt has lived in the park's north and northeast Portland neighborhood all his life, and drummer John Stewart recently moved to the area.

Concertgoers are encouraged to make themselves comfortable on the park grounds by bringing blankets and chairs.

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