

## A Mosaic Of Sound



David Ornette Cherry performing

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worked with poets on stage and in recordings, collaborated with dancers, and produced a tribute concert to Portland

raised, legendary Kaw /Muscogee Creek saxophonist and composer, Jim Pepper.

The pulses and melodies that arise from his jazz, classical, African, world music background,

and from playing with some of the great jazz artists of our times, speak about collective human experiences through the language of sound. They are a musical fusion of cultures laid firmly down on a foundation of purely garage-style beats. He listened with an open heart and fresh mind to his collaborators and the world around him in a way that makes his compositions not only music, but a way of life, a positive form of energy, and a way to connect. He trained young musicians in world music, theory, and improvisation, encouraging them to “learn the music, own the music, and then give it back.” David Ornette Cherry (64) was born on April 13, 1958, in Watts, Los Angeles, and died November 21, 2022, in London following a tribute performance to his father, legendary jazz trumpeter and world music composer, Don Cherry. His last release is titled Organic Nation Listening Club, the Continual.

## Creative Space and Fun For Kids



Children interacting with the Mobile Children's Museum. Photo courtesy of Mobile Children's Museum

### Mobile Children's Museum During Spring Break!

Friends of the Children-SWWA will host Columbia Play Project's Mobile Children's Museum for six 2-hour play sessions during Spring Break. Kids will have the opportunity to create with loose materials in CPP's MakerSpace/Artspace, participate in a guided physics and engineering class featuring BricQMotion kits or free build with CPP's Bricks Creation Station which contains thousands of bricks and mini-figs for endless creative play. Because kids need to move and jump around, there will likely be a few impromptu dance parties too.

Friends of the Children-SWWA Executive Director, Allison Pauletto said, “When looking for activities for Spring Break, we were thrilled to partner with Columbia Play Project. Our kids deserve the opportunity to have a lengthy engagement in exploratory play. Time for play can be difficult to come by during the school year so giving kids the space to relax, play and learn will support them as they continue their childhood journeys.”

“Exactly. Play is essential to creating healthy bodies, minds and emotions for kids” said Jeanne Bennett, Board Chair for Columbia Play Project, “Beyond the benefit to kids, this partnership is so important for Columbia Play Project as we continue serving kids and organizations with the Mobile Children's Museum.

Reporters interested in observing the FOC Spring Break activities are encouraged to contact Jeanne Bennett to set up a visit on Wednesday, April 5 or Friday, April 7. Bennett can be reached at [Jeanne@columbiaplayproject.org](mailto:Jeanne@columbiaplayproject.org) or 360-798-8768.

Columbia Play Project is an intentionally planned project designed to expand exploratory play options to help families grow healthy children and a vibrant community in Southwest Washington. The Columbia Play Project exists to be a hub where all families can safely engage, connect, explore and ignite their imaginations.

Columbia Play Project has a three-phase plan to create exploratory play activities focused on the subjects of Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math (STREAM). Phase I, launched in December 2021 with an at-home play-kit called “Welcome to the Ecosystem.” Available online, the kit includes a 100-page activity book, slot-together critters, colored pencils, stickers and a canvas string bag. Phase II, a Mobile Children's Museum, began serving Clark County in September 2022. The Mobile Children's Museum allows a children's museum to set-up indoors or outdoors and is available for rental by schools, preschools, clubs, organizations, businesses or anyone. Phase III will be a full-scale exploratory play space with indoor and outdoor play areas, permanent and rotating exhibits, a variety of laboratories, a makerspace and a curated children's library. Learn more at [www.columbiaplayproject.org](http://www.columbiaplayproject.org).

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