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Children's Museum to host artists, activities for Open Art Studios on Oct. 17-18

MADISON, Wis. (Oct. 6, 2009) — Madison Children's Museum will offer kids a chance to discover their inner artist by hosting five artists and activities for Madison Area Open Art Studios on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18.

This year's Open Art Studios theme is "Hands On." Each of the five artists will demonstrate his or her practice and provide children with a hands-on art activity.

The museum will host Sarah Bradley, sculpture/gourd art; Karen Calkins Ragus, painting; Robin Lee, wacky art; Judi Werner, jewelry; and MCM's own Program Coordinator Angela Johnson, photography. Kids will have a chance to make their own gourd art, tempera painting, wacky art with colored pencils, simple jewelry and hand-colored photo. Some of the artists may have work for sale.

These drop-in programs for both Saturday and Sunday will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are in place of the regular weekend drop-in programs. Those will resume the following weekend.

About 125 artists will open their doors or demonstrate their work at various sites around the city for Open Art Studios, in its eighth year. For more information on Open Art Studios — including a map of participating artists and venues, as well as short biographies of the artists — go to www.maoas.com/OpenArtStudios.

Madison Children's Museum: Madison Children's Museum (MCM) is an award-winning organization which fosters family and community connections, and provides a place where every child can learn through play in an interactive environment. MCM's hands-on exhibits and programs celebrate and encourage children's imaginations and the power of play as the cornerstone of learning. For more about Madison Children's Museum, go to www.MadisonChildrensMuseum.org.

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