



Arizona Museum for Youth

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News Release

Jump to Japan
Discovering Culture through Popular Art
Traveling exhibition organized by the Minnesota Children's Museum

GRANDPARENTS DAY
September 5, 2010 | Noon - 5pm

Japanese Story Telling | Japanese Face Painting & Calligraphy | Japanese Origami

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Japanese Tea Ceremony

BOEING | **3 For FREE**

Free Art-Making, Manga, Face-Painting & Japanese Performances at Mesa Youth Museum!

Mesa, AZ— August 27, 2010. Discover and experience a spectacular taste of Japan to honor **Grandparents' Day** at the Arizona Museum for Youth, **September 4th, 5th and 11th** in beautiful Downtown Mesa! Enjoy free art-making, manga, face-painting & Japanese cultural performances, including a dazzling Kimono exhibition with make-up and dressing, Japanese swordsmanship, origami, calligraphy, and fabulous Japanese flower arrangement demonstrations. Then, taste delectable sushi, noodles, pastries and delicious tea while witnessing a knock-down performance by the renowned Tokyo Girls.

Fun for the whole family, it's a day filled with fun, laughter and excitement. Don't miss out... Bring a friend! Special programming for this day is sponsored by Boeing. Target and its 3-for-Free initiative is sponsoring **FREE** admission for the general public. For more information, visit [AMY Online](http://www.ArizonaMuseumforYouth.com) [http://www.ArizonaMuseumforYouth.com] or call 480.644.2468.

The Arizona Museum for Youth [AMY] is located at 35 North Robson. Our normal hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm, Sundays from 12-4pm, and we're closed on Mondays and most government holidays. Please call before coming as information is subject to change.

*****SCHEDULE OF EVENTS*****

Saturday, September 4th

Ikebana (The Art of Japanese Flower Arrangement) | 10:30 to 11:30am
by Ping Way – Inside Classroom

Sunday, September 5th

Kids Photos | 12 to 5pm
by Mark Zemnick - Outside Classroom Studio

Kimono Exhibition | 12 to 5pm
by Keiko Conn plus Make up & Kimono Dressing - Outside Classroom Studio

The Art of Iaido Japanese Swordsmanship | 12:30-12:40pm & 2:30-2:40pm
by David Overby – Keith Harring ArtZone

Japanese Origami | 12 to 5pm
by Museum Staff - Artville

Face Painting & Japanese Calligraphy | 12 to 5pm
by Encolor, Fumiko Katsuta, Yuka Ishiko, Eriko Saxon - South Gallery

Saboten Event Info | 12 to 5pm
by Greg Fennell - Museum Lobby

A Taste of Japan (Food & Tea) | 12:30 to 1:30pm
by Ku-World, Pacific Seafood Buffet, Arai Pastry - Indoor Classroom

Japanese Storytelling | 1, 2 & 3pm
by Holly Parsons - Family Zone

Tokyo Girls / Andrea Berg, Miki Suehiro, Hara & JJ
Performers & Production Team

Sunday, September 11th

Origami | 10:30 to 11:30am
by Professional Instructor Yoko Vargayes

*We would especially like to thank our Sponsor, **Boeing**, for their volunteer services and for making it possible for AMY to offer the special programming associated with "Grandparents Day" at no charge to our patrons and their families, as well as, **Target** and the 3-for-Free Program for sponsoring FREE admission. We'd also like to extend a special thank you to **Touch of Creation Culture Events**.*

Arizona Museum for Youth

The Arizona Museum for Youth (AMY) is a fine arts museum for children and families and serves as a terrific place to introduce life-changing art. The museum hosts 6 world-class exhibitions, annually, and features *ArtVille*, a special art township for kids under 4 years of age. As part of the exhibitions, a dynamic array of art classes, fun workshops, and family programs are available to teach basic art principles and techniques.

"Inspiring children of all ages to experience their world differently through art, creativity and imagination."

Minnesota Children's Museum

Minnesota Children's Museum is a non-profit community organization that provides fun, interactive learning experiences for children ages six months through 10 years. Visitors discover their world through hands-on exhibits in five permanent galleries: ***Our World*** encourages children to meet and connect with different people and cultures in their community, ***World Works*** encourages creativity and problem-solving, ***Earth World*** teaches stewardship of the earth, ***Habitot***[®] enables infants and toddlers to explore four developmentally designed learning landscapes and ***Rooftop ArtPark*** brings nature and art together in an outdoor gallery. Two special galleries offer exciting exhibits from around the world. Minnesota Children's Museum has been providing children and adults with a fun, educational environment for more than 22 years. The Museum is located at Seventh and Wabasha streets in downtown St. Paul. For 24-hour information, visit www.mcm.org or call 651-225-6000.

About the Freeman Foundation and the Association of Children's Museums

The Freeman Foundation is a private grant-making foundation chaired by Houghton Freeman. The mission of the Freeman Foundation is to strengthen understanding between Asia and the United States. In 2002, the Foundation distributed more than \$89 million in grants to support K-12 teacher training, undergraduate Asian studies and other programs that help educate Americans about Asia. The Association of Children's Museums (ACM) is a professional service organization for children's museums around the world. ACM's vision is to bring children and families together in a new kind of town square where play inspires lifelong learning. Founded in 1962 as a support group for directors of children's museums in the U.S., ACM has broadened its services and purpose as an international association, and currently has 215 members in the United States and abroad. For more than 100 years, children's museums have succeeded in their mission of stimulating curiosity and motivating learning in young children. The museums complement efforts in schools, childcare centers and homes, enriching the lives and education of children.

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