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**Step Into A New Decade!
January Programs & Events at the Staten Island Children's Museum**

January 7, 2020—The new decade is here and the Staten Island Children's Museum is sharing an exciting lineup of diverse and engaging programs to explore the past, present and future!

Young chefs will experience the past through their taste buds as they cook popular dishes from decades ago during **ShopRite Kidz Cook** sessions on Fridays at 3:00 & 4:00 pm. Menu items for the month include pasta salad, a "kid-friendly" fondue and avocado toast.

The Children's Museum invites visitors to collaborate on a mural commemorating 100 years of Mexican muralism by using bold and beautiful iconography in its **Visual Arts Studio**. The Studio is open on Saturdays and Sundays during January from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

On Saturday, January 11, the **Con Edison Second Saturday Science!** workshop commemorates the 85th anniversary of **Amelia Earhart's** solo flight from Hawaii to California. Participants will use maps to illustrate her journeys and learn how aviation engineering has changed since Earhart's seminal flight. The workshop begins at Noon and is free with admission.

The senior members of LGBT outreach group **SAGE-Pride Center of Staten Island** present the multigenerational **SAGE Story Time** on the last Thursday of each month. The stories begin this year on Thursday, January 30 at 4:00 pm.

Lunar New Year Celebrations

The **New York Chinese Cultural Center** will present a Year of the Rat dance performance on Sunday, January 19 at 2:00 pm. Visitors are also invited to create lucky red envelopes and design them with calligraphy in the Lunar New Year Art Workshop on Saturday, January 25 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Museum Open All Day on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The Children's Museum will be open from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm on Monday, January 20 with free admission for all sponsored by **National Grid**. Performing artist Walter Rutledge will lead workshops and sessions during his open studio hours starting at 2:00 pm that day.

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Performing Arts Studio

Children’s Museum resident dancers and performing artists Anjoli Chadha and Walter Rutledge share their own interpretations, games and interactive workshops during their studio hours on Fridays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm; Saturdays from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm and Sundays from Noon – 4:00 pm. The Admissions Desk will provide the location of the workshops, which take place throughout the exhibits and spaces in the Children’s Museum.

Schedule Changes for Weekday “Tot’s” Programs

The Children’s Museum will start its weekday “Tot’s” Programs one hour earlier beginning in January:

- Tot’s Time on Tuesdays & Thursdays is now from 10:00 am – Noon
- Tot’s Cook on Wednesdays is now from 10:00 – Noon

Each program requires the Museum admission fee (waived for Staten Island Children’s Museum Members) and an additional \$6 per child to attend the Tot’s class.

About the Staten Island Children’s Museum

The Staten Island Children’s Museum is located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. For more information, call 718-273-2060, email info@sichildrensmuseum.org, or visit sichildrensmuseum.org.

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