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## **TUNE IN TO SOUND PLAYGROUND ALL SUMMER LONG**

### ***EXPERIENCE AND EXPERIMENT WITH THE PHYSICAL AND IMAGINATIVE AUDITORY WORLD***

CHICAGO, IL— Chicago Children's Museum (CCM) invites the innately curious to explore, make, and play with sound when *Sound Playground* opens to the public on Saturday, May 4, 2019. In this original exhibit, children and adults alike are invited to interact with auditory experiences that can be felt, observed, and created.

“Sound is capable of producing powerful reactions, but it can often times be an underexamined sense,” said CCM President and CEO Jennifer Farrington. “*Sound Playground* brings auditory perception front and center, allowing children the opportunity to see just how much it shapes our world— from telling stories to creating rhythm and everything in between.”

Developed and designed by Chicago Children's Museum, *Sound Playground* inspires both exploratory and imaginative play, necessary elements of a healthy early childhood development. As children create narratives, experiment with cause and effect, and predict outcomes, they develop the practices that will serve them for a lifetime.

“Children learn through tactile exploration and discovery,” said Jennifer Farrington. “*Sound Playground* allows children to explore the interactive nature of sound, and all the surprising ways that it can be created.”

Throughout the summer, children will be able to play with musical sound makers and one-of-a-kind interactive sonic sculptures including the *String Thing*, *Airophone*, and *Merry Marimba*. The exhibit will include a Foley installation— the art of surprising sound makers that help communicate the connection between storytelling and sound effects, resulting in endless play possibilities and narrative building. Visitors will delight in exploring sounds, from the everyday to the surprising.

*Sound Playground* will be open through September 8, 2019 and is included in museum admission (\$14.95 for adults and children, \$13.95 for seniors) and membership.

### **About Chicago Children's Museum**

The mission of Chicago Children's Museum (CCM) is to improve children's lives by creating a community where play and learning connect. For more than 30 years, CCM has been dedicated to young children

and the important adults in their lives. The museum's recently renovated play-filled experiences, including more than 15 interactive exhibits and daily programming, tap into how kids learn, and engage from ages 0-10 to develop the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. CCM aims to deliver at least one-third of its total annual attendance to low-income or underserved community members. In its last fiscal year, CCM hosted more than 400,000 visitors. For more information, please visit [www.ChicagoChildrensMuseum.org](http://www.ChicagoChildrensMuseum.org).

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