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### FORT COLLINS MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART RECEIVES GRANT TO SUPPORT FREE FAMILY DAYS AT THE MUSEUM

The Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art has received a grant from the Engle Family Foundation to support Free Family Days in 2009. Free Family Days allow the museum to open its doors to children and families and to provide activities that encourage adult-child interaction and mutual discovery.



The Free Family Days occur on school holidays and once per month during the summer. The free days fall on the following dates: March 18, April 17, May 15, June 10, July 8, August 12, October 16 and November 25.

“Pick Up Games” will be provided to participating families once they enter the museum. Colored pencils, small sketchbooks and other games will

motivate children to look at and consider the art in fun ways, while honing skills that can be used across all kinds of museum experiences. The games also help adults share a meaningful art experience with their children.

“The museum is particularly grateful to the Engle Family Foundation for this grant in light of recent studies that show that children who visit museums with their parents go on to become regular museum-goers in adulthood” said Marianne Lorenz, FCMOCA’s executive director. “Because Fort Collins is a family-oriented town, it is very important that FCMOCA offer culturally stimulating programs for families through these Free Family Days.”

FCMOCA Hours: Tues – Fri: 10am – 6pm, Sat: noon – 5pm

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