

MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM -MERIDIAN

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The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian Welcomes Featured Artist and Illustrator, Adam Trest, to Storytelling Festival

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Meridian, Miss. (December 29, 2022) – Traditions are passed down through generations with stories, songs, and activities. Bring your children to the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) to experience the fun of storytelling together on Saturday, January 14, from 10am – 3pm.

On this special day, join us as we celebrate Mississippi's finest storytellers from our past and listen to those with us now. This event is an artistic, literary adventure celebrating the art of storytelling in many forms with special guests, performances, and workshops. Storytelling can be told through a multitude of ways such as writing and illustrating books, acting, singing, dancing, visual arts, photography, and much more.

Activities will include:

- Visual storytelling and arts integrated program with featured artist and illustrator, <u>Adam Trest</u>, at 11am & 1pm. Book signings of *The Lantern House* will take place after each program (a limited quantity will be available for purchase at the museum, and guests are welcome to bring their own copies)
- Musical instrument and puppet making
- Faith Ringgold inspired family quilt crafts
- · Princess meet and greets
- Meridian Little Theater skit of Fiddler on the Roof Jr.
- Interactive music and dance programs
- Susie Glover and Louis Ragsdale stories

The museum will be open 9 am – 5 pm with **Storytelling Festival activities taking place from 10 am – 3pm**. All activities are included with \$10 general admission and museum membership. MCM-Meridian will also be open on Monday,

January 16, for a Magic Monday! Visit www.mcmmeridian.org for more information.

About the Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian

The Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian (MCM – Meridian) is the East Mississippi satellite campus of the statewide Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM)—a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that creates unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. MCM-Meridian is a 25,000-square-foot facility with exhibit space designed around three primary initiatives: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi History woven throughout all galleries. Outdoors is a 25,000-square-foot exhibit gallery that allows children a safe and magical space to explore and enrich the learning experience. The museum's exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. MCM - Meridian is a strategic part of the statewide Mississippi Children's Museum which is dedicated to inspiring all of Mississippi's children from all backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. To learn more about MCM – Meridian, visit www.mcmmeridian.org.

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