



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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# The Mississippi Children's Museum to Host Summer Traveling Exhibit, *Splash and Bubbles: Dive In, Lend a Fin!*

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**Jackson, Miss.** (May 15, 2023) – This summer at the Mississippi Children's Museum, May 20-September 3, families can "dive in" and explore MCM's newest exhibit, *Splash and Bubbles: Dive In, Lend a Fin!*

Dive into the incredible world of ocean exploration in this early childhood STEM-based exhibit, *Splash and Bubbles: Dive In, Lend a Fin!*, based on the Jim Henson Company and Herschend Entertainment Studios PBS KIDS TV series *Splash and Bubbles*. Join Splash, Bubbles and the Reeftown Rangers to explore marine biology, ocean science and different ocean ecosystems. Learn how even small actions can create a big ripple to help protect our One Big Ocean.

- Explore a sunken ship and learn the similarities and differences between artificial reefs and real reefs.
- Go on a treasure hunt and take a pledge to become a Reeftown Ranger.
- Navigate the Kelp Forest and help keep it clean by collecting green algae from the ocean floor.
- Learn about bioluminescence in the Deep as you create your own glow-in-the-dark jellyfish and gaze upon a life-size 12 foot-wide Japanese Spider Crab.
- Dress up as a stingray or sea turtle to swim throughout the reef.
- Learn fun "Fin Facts" at Flo's School of Fish!
- Balance and stack colorful rocks; identify a mysterious ocean animal using classification; draw your own fish and add it to a collaborative collage; camouflage Myshell the Crab with different coral.

The summer exhibit is included with \$10 general admission or free with MCM membership. For more information, visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).

### Special Events

May 19- Member Preview Party

June 10- Shell-abrake Clean Water Day

July 8- Water Matters!

August 12- Aquatic Animals Day

*Splash and Bubbles: Dive In, Lend a Fin!* is made possible thanks to generous support from Tim and Elizabeth Swank and Graybar Foundation and was developed by The Magic House in collaboration with The Jim Henson Company and Herschend Studios.

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### About the Mississippi Children's Museum

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. MCM's two award-winning museums in Jackson and Meridian collectively offer over 100,000-square feet of exhibits and educational programming designed around five primary initiatives, Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. MCM offers exceptional resources for children, families, and educators through MCM at Home virtual programming, traveling exhibits and programs, community outreach, *Launch into Learning* afterschool program, professional development for educators, and *Talk from the Start*, an initiative for parents and caregivers to promote language development in children from birth to five years old.

MCM is honored to have received an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the Mississippi Tourism Association Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year, and USA Today's '10Best Travel Award for Best Children's Museum. Learn more: [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org)