



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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# MS Children's Museum Welcomes Summer Exhibit, Emotions at Play with Pixar's *Inside Out*

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**Jackson, Miss.** – Step inside the world of Disney and Pixar's hit animated film, *Inside Out*, at the Mississippi Children's Museum's summer exhibit, **Emotions at Play**, open **May 23 – September 6, 2026**, sponsored locally by Trustmark and Atmos Energy.

This interactive exhibit brings the beloved world of *Inside Out* to life through hands-on and digital experiences designed to help visitors better understand the important roles that emotions, memory, and imagination play in everyday life. Inspired by the film's five core emotions—Joy, Sadness, Anger, Disgust, and Fear—the exhibit encourages children to recognize emotions and explore how they are expressed and managed.

### EXHIBIT FEATURES

- Step into Headquarters to explore the range and intensity of emotions at the **Control Panel**.
- Discover how emotions are expressed through facial expressions and body language at the **Emotions Mirrors**.
- Reflect on meaningful moments by creating a glowing **Memory Sphere** that represents how a memory feels—or how they feel in the present.
- Create and perform original stories using your imagination at **Dream Productions**.
- Balance the **Train of Thought** while exploring the emotions involved in keeping it on track.
- Experiment with how emotions interact by stacking and balancing the **Emotion Blocks**.

### SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS

To enhance the exhibit experience, MCM will host a series of themed events throughout the summer:

- **May 21 | Members Preview Night**  
MCM members are invited to be the first to experience Emotions at Play with Pixar's *Inside Out*. Guests will enjoy themed bites and refreshments during this exclusive, members-only celebration.
- **June 4 | Inside Out Movie Screening at Fondren Yard**  
Enjoy a free screening of the film *Inside Out* during the Fondren Block Party at Fondren Yard! Doors open at 6pm, movie begins at 7pm.
- **June 20 | Joy in Motion**  
Discover how movement and connection with others can spark feelings of joy through engaging, active experiences.
- **July 11 | Peaceful Play Day**  
Explore simple, meaningful techniques to help calm the body and mind.
- **August 22 | Big Feelings, Brave Hearts**  
Learn how to face fears that come with new seasons and build confidence through interactive activities.

“Emotions at Play gives children and families a space to explore what they’re feeling in a way that’s both fun and meaningful,” said Rachel Myers, Director of Exhibits. “By building social and emotional skills like empathy, self-awareness, and resilience, we’re helping children better understand themselves and connect with others. We’re so excited to bring this interactive and educational exhibit to the museum this summer.”

[The exhibit](#) is included with general museum admission. For more information about hours, tickets, and membership opportunities, visit [mschildrensmuseum.org](http://mschildrensmuseum.org).

**The exhibit was developed by Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh in collaboration with Pixar Animation 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 the LIFT, traveling exhibits and programs, community outreach, *Launch into Learning* afterschool program, professional development for educators, and innovative literacy and language development programs: *Talk from the Start and Reach Out and Read*. 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. To learn more about MCM visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).

#### **About Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh**

Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh is a place that provides innovative and inclusive museum experiences that inspire kindness, joy, creativity and curiosity for all learners. Our imaginative, open-ended exhibits and programs give families the opportunity to explore topics like art, making and social-emotional learning in ways that are authentic, meaningful, and most of all, fun! The museum is open every day, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

#### **About Pixar Animation Studios**

Pixar Animation Studios, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company, is an Academy Award®-winning film studio with world-renowned technical, creative and production capabilities in the art of computer animation. The Northern California studio has created some of the most successful and beloved animated films of all time, including “Toy Story,” “Monsters, Inc.,” “Cars,” “The Incredibles,” “Ratatouille,” “WALL•E,” “Up,” “Toy Story 3,” “Inside Out,” “Coco” and “Luca.” Its movies and technology have won more than 40 Academy Awards® and its films have grossed billions at the worldwide box office.

#### **About Inside Out**

Pixar’s hit animated feature Inside Out is the story of 11-year-old Riley, who like all of us, is guided by her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness. The emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside Riley’s mind, where they help advise her through everyday life. Riley and her emotions struggle to adjust to a new life in San Francisco as Joy, Riley’s main and most important emotion, tries to keep things positive. Inside Out was released in 2015.