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2ND WONDERFUL WORDS FAIR BRINGS MUSIC AND DANCE TO TRENTON PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

TRENTON, JANUARY 13, 2016 – *Trenton Makes—Words!* proudly presents the second Wonderful WORDS Fair under the theme of "Music & Movement", an engaging event offering vocabulary-learning sessions for children under the age of five with a focus on parent-child interaction. Families are welcomed to a world of words with fun activities and learning-centered entertainment.

The free festival will be hosted on **Saturday, January 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the **CYO Center** on 794 East State Street. With a long history of serving Trenton families through educational and recreational services, the CYO is a crucial community host partner of the *Trenton Makes—Words!* project. The center has parking available on site and is accessible by public transportation.

"The *Trenton Makes—Words!* family festivals achieve the exact goal we wanted in introducing this program. They provide an opportunity for family engagement and bring the community together in a fun, creative way to celebrate the power and importance of words," said Joe Whall, PNC's New Jersey director of client and community relations."

Music and dance are at the heart of the multi-session activities focused on live performances and educator-led interactive sessions. The lineup of dynamic performers include the Michael & the Rockness Monsters from Preschool of Rock, TEDI, Earth Movers Drum Collective, Pei Kids, and Let's Help, Let's move; in addition to the *Trenton Makes—Words!* partners (the New Jersey State Museum, The Children's Home Society of New Jersey, the Trenton Community Music School, and PNC). Throughout the day, families can learn about the *Trenton Makes—Words!* Family Engagement Series and Pop-Up Sessions, and register for upcoming sessions.

"We are excited to invite families to experience a fun day filled with music and movement celebrating words!" says Ms. Beth Cooper, the Project Leader for *Trenton Makes—Words!* and Curator of Education at the New Jersey State Museum. "It's also a wonderful way to learn how to get involved in other fun and engaging activities happening all over the city."

Registration to the fair is encouraged; the first 300 families to register receive a light snack and a special gift. Families can sign up by visiting the *Trenton Makes—Words!* website calendar or by calling Caitlin Fair at (609) 393-2980.

To learn more about the event please visit us at www.trentonmakeswords.org. Follow our Facebook event page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1648678265383683/>) and our Twitter handle (@tmakeswords).

About Trenton Makes-Words!

Trenton Makes—Words! is a two-year partnership between the New Jersey State Museum, The Children's Home Society of New Jersey, and the Trenton Community Music School. It is supported by a \$1 million grant from the PNC Foundation through the *Grow Up Great* initiative. Trenton, NJ is the tenth city to participate in the PNC *Grow Up Great* vocabulary program. Launched last October, the project continues its mission to foster vocabulary learning through engaging early education programs for Trenton children ages 0-5. Programs are based on twelve themes of the month with a focus on four topics: art, music, history, and science. To learn more about the project please visit www.trentonmakeswords.org. Follow our social media presence on Facebook ([/trentonmakeswords](https://www.facebook.com/trentonmakeswords)) and Twitter (@tmakeswords).

About the New Jersey State Museum

Since 1968, the New Jersey State Museum Foundation has supported the collections, exhibitions and educational programs of the Museum through volunteerism, advocacy and fundraising. Members participate in volunteer activities and enjoy a number of special benefits. In addition to a 10% discount on New Jersey State Museum Foundation Shop purchases, members also receive advance notice of events, priority registrations, discounts on trip registrations, eNews, and more. For more information about the New Jersey State Museum Foundation visit http://www.njstatemuseum.org/dos_museum_foundation.html

About PNC

PNC grants are provided by the PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from The PNC Financial Services Group (NYSE: PNC). The PNC Foundation actively supports organizations that provide services for the benefit of communities in which it has a significant presence. The foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on early childhood education and community and economic development, which includes the arts and culture. Through *Grow Up Great*, its signature cause that began in 2004, PNC has created a \$350 million, multi-year bilingual initiative to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for success in school and life. To date, the program has served approximately 2.5 million children.

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