

Perot Museum of Nature and Science Unveils Transformed Moody Family Children's Museum

Doubling in Size and Imagination, New Experiences Open to the Public May 24, 2025

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DALLAS (May 23, 2025)—The Perot Museum of Nature and Science proudly announces the grand reopening of the Moody Family Children's Museum on Saturday, May 24, 2025, unveiling a bold, revitalized space designed to empower children through play, imagination and discovery. Revealed during a celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony today, with kindergarten students from Uplift Education joining as some of the first young minds to experience the reimagined space, the transformed museum welcomes visitors into a dynamic, reimagined environment that ignites curiosity, sparks creativity and nurtures a lifelong love of learning.

Following a comprehensive renovation nearly three years in the making, the Children's Museum now spans 11,000 square-feet, nearly double its previous size, and features state-of-the-art, science-rooted experiences. Designed to reflect the latest understanding of how children learn, grow and explore, the updated space serves children up to age seven and encourages child-directed, open-ended experiential learning at every turn.

"For years, the Moody Family Children's Museum has been a treasured gathering spot for families," said Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer, Perot Museum. "Children learn best through play, experience and exploration. The exciting new exhibits we unveil today will inspire the type of unmistakable wonder that makes STEM more engaging, more approachable, and more impactful for the development of our youngest visitors."

Designed by internationally renowned firm NorthernLight, in partnership with contractors Bruns and technology collaborators Kiss the Frog, learning through play is a guiding philosophy that informs the holistic experience of the Children's Museum. Each exhibit and activity is thoughtfully grounded in research-backed developmental outcomes, ensuring meaningful learning moments are embedded within the joy of discovery. Each area of the redesigned space was developed with input from educators, child development experts, and most importantly - children themselves.

At the heart of the transformation is the multi-sensory Imaginarium, the Museum's first fully immersive and digitally interactive exhibit. This innovative experience, made possible by Children's HealthSM, one of the largest and most prestigious pediatric health care institutions in the country and the leading pediatric health care system in North Texas, engages children in learning about music, pattern recognition, cause-and-effect relationships, and more through responsive screens that react to their movements, actions and decisions, creating a world that evolves and adapts with their curiosity.

"This incredible new exhibit builds upon our 10-year investment in the Perot Museum's efforts to make life better for children through inspiring curiosity, encouraging exploration and fostering a love of learning," said Christopher J. Durovich, President and Chief Executive Officer of Children's Health. "We are proud to support this enhancement to the Moody Family Children's Museum."

Additional highlights include:

- Expanded Toddler Area: A safe, thoughtfully-designed environment for younger children to explore age-appropriate activities at their own pace.
- Creative Makery: A hands-on innovation hub where children can design, build and problem-solve through open-ended, engineer-focused play.
- Enlarged Outdoor Area: A nature-inspired, open-air space featuring a programmable waterfall and organic play elements, encouraging exploration and active engagement.
- Toshiko MacAdam Climbing Structure: A vibrant, fiber-art playscape by celebrated artist

Toshiko MacAdam, blending colorful design with physical play in a one-of-a-kind installation.

“This project is a visionary accomplishment and testament to what is possible when we invest in the future of our children and our city,” said Suzanne Perot McGee, Board Member, Perot Museum of Nature and Science. “The revitalized Moody Family Children’s Museum is more than just a place to play, it’s a vital resource for introducing young learners to the power of STEM in ways that are meaningful, engaging and accessible. It reinforces the Museum’s role as a cornerstone of educational opportunity in the Dallas community.”

The construction of the new Moody Family Children’s Museum began in January 2025. With this bold expansion, the Perot Museum strengthens its commitment to accessibility, creativity and hands-on learning – ensuring the Museum continues to serve as a beloved family destination for years to come.

The project was made possible through the generous support of more than 40 donors, including lead contributions from The Addy Foundation, Children's HealthSM, The Hogle Foundation, and an anonymous supporter.

Admission to the Moody Family Children’s Museum is included with general admission to Perot Museum. Museum members will enjoy exclusive early access on Friday, May 23, from noon to 6 p.m., ahead of the public reopening on Saturday, May 24. For ticket information, visit perotmuseum.org.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science

Located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational and research organization dedicated to inspiring minds through nature and science. Visitors will find everything from dinosaurs to diamonds and space to sports, packed into five levels of hands-on discovery and adventure. Through its state-of-the-art exhibits, educational programming, and community outreach, the Museum offers exciting and innovative experiences for learners of all ages. For more information, visit perotmuseum.org.

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