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Brooklyn Children's Museum Comes Alive on Friday Nights with New, All-Ages *Playdate* Series



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(Brooklyn, NY) – Playtime has no age limit at Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM). The Museum is launching *Playdate*, a new series of free, after-hours events celebrating Brooklyn's rich cultural and creative community through intergenerational play, art, music, and connection.

Taking place on select Fridays from 6:00 to 10:00 pm through April 2027, *Playdate* will bring the Museum to life after its normal operating hours with rooftop roller skating, music, art-making, and hands-on activities led by local artists, makers, and community organizations. The series invites New Yorkers of all ages to come together, explore their creativity, and experience the joy of play. Admission is free and includes access to all *Playdate* programming, made possible with generous support from NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital and Waymo.

"We believe the joy of learning through play is something people should experience and revisit at every age, and we're excited to bring that spirit to Friday nights at the Museum," said **Atiba T. Edwards**, President and CEO of Brooklyn Children's Museum. "Playdate creates new opportunities for families, friends, and neighbors to learn from one another and experience Brooklyn's vibrant cultural community. The series reflects our commitment to celebrating the power of play in inspiring and connecting communities that make our borough special while creating opportunities for artists and entrepreneurs to thrive."

The series kicked off on Friday, October 23, with a sold-out event presented in partnership with **C Marty's Jerk**, a participant in BCM's Culinary Residency & Incubator Support Program (CRISP). The evening featured a lineup of Brooklyn creatives offering hands-on experiences including screen printing, chain-stitch embroidery, T-shirt customization, and face painting, with music by DJ Donwill.

A highlight of *Playdate* is Empire Skate of Mind, BCM's rooftop roller rink inspired by Brooklyn's legendary Empire Roller Rink, a beloved gathering place that helped shape the borough's skating culture. Visitors can lace up their skates and take a spin around the rink, keeping a cherished Brooklyn tradition rolling for a new generation.

***Playdate* at Brooklyn Children's Museum**
Dates:

- Fri, Nov 20, 2026
- Fri, Dec 18, 2026
- Fri, Jan 15, 2027
- Fri, Feb 19, 2027
- Fri, Mar 19, 2027
- Fri, Apr 9, 2027

Location: 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11213
Hours: 6:00 to 10:00 pm
Admission: Free

About Brooklyn Children's Museum
Inspired by the energy and diversity of our borough, Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) creates experiences that ignite curiosity, celebrate identity and cultivate joyful learning. Founded in 1899 as the world's first children's museum, BCM is New York City's largest cultural institution designed especially for families. Proudly based in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, BCM serves 300,000 children and caregivers annually with exhibits and programs grounded in visual arts, music and performance, natural science, and world cultures. For more information, visit brooklynkids.org.

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