



WinterFaire

Celebrate the season and make magical memories in *WinterFaire*

Open mid-November through mid-February annually

A cool blast of air hits your face and the sights and sounds of a magical winter forest surround you in the museum's annual *WinterFaire* experience.



WinterFaire is a magical indoor world featuring a festive, carnival-like atmosphere, fun-filled games, lovable animal characters, and hands-on activities, including both English and Spanish labels. Ember, a fluffy red fox, greets guests as they enter. When you see Ember's warm, welcoming smile and furry red coat, you know you're about to be transported to an enchanted world.

Make magic with Indigo

A color-changing Frozen Fountain provides *WinterFaire* with its source of magic, which you can learn more about during live performances of *A WinterFaire-y Tale*. At the fountain, you can also meet Indigo, a knowledgeable and magical chameleon. Work together to touch all six symbols on the fountain and its frozen plumes will change colors—and so will Indigo's body!

Play with Flip

No carnival would be complete without games! Flip is an energetic and carefree harbor seal who will get visitors excited with fun-filled carnival games. Match colored shapes on penguins to those on ice floats; toss rings around pin-shaped penguins; play Skee-Ball; race down a virtual hill on a snowboard or saucer; and aim for the high score as you throw "snowballs" at targets!

Explore with Storm

WinterFaire's adventurous and brave ice phoenix greets visitors to the Ice Cave. There, families will find activities designed around building, jumping, climbing and balancing. Visitors are encouraged to help reconstruct an entrance that has fallen in and climb up in the lookout and discover phoenix eggs in the nest. Slide back down, and those who feel as daring as Storm can carefully cross the deep "chasm" in the cave!

Create with Gerty

Sweet and sassy Gerty, a woodworking beaver, oversees the Artisans Corner. There, visitors can discover art from around the world, some of which Gerty has given awards—can you find which ones? You can even create your own artwork!

WinterFaire Community Art

The Children's Museum invited several artists to create a piece of art inspired by a winter holiday they celebrate. Their work is on display in the *WinterFaire* Artisans Corner, where visitors will learn more about Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Las Posadas.

Winter Traditions

- The animals of *WinterFaire* used the Frozen Fountain's magical water to turn the beloved Atrium slide into the **WinterSlide!** The "snow" on either side of the 47-foot-long slide will light up as children and their grown-ups zoom toward the bottom. How fast will you go?
- *WinterFaire* is so special that even Santa Claus visits every year! He gathers water from Indigo and gifts from Gerty, and poses for photos with families! Check the website for dates and times of Santa's visits, where you can also find the Santa that is right for your family.

