



**BOSTON
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM**

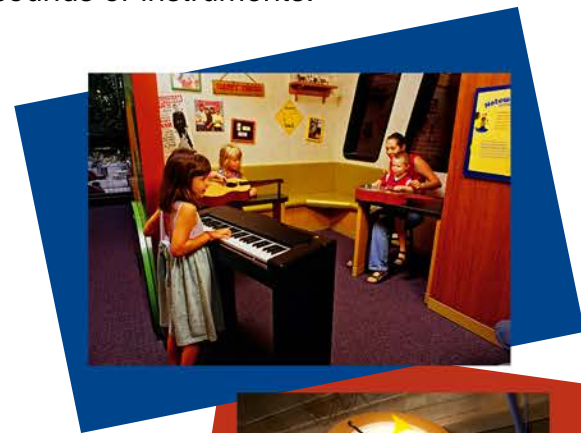


Boston Children's Museum and the Boston Symphony Orchestra worked together to create *Making America's Music: Rhythm, Roots, and Rhyme*; an exhibit that celebrates the joy and diversity of American music, from jazz to country, from rock to rap. Designed to promote a lifelong love and appreciation of music, and to encourage active music-making, this exhibit is filled with hands-on, ears wide-open fun!

What's the big idea?

These are the main messages that we convey to visitors in *Making America's Music*:

- ★ Making music is fun!
- ★ Making music is a learned skill, and it takes practice.
- ★ Music comes from, and has the power to evoke, specific places and times.
- ★ Music involves a person's whole body; it is not just about sounds or instruments.
- ★ Music is a way of sharing stories and ideas.
- ★ Music is a way of expressing feelings and emotions.



The exhibit is organized into several music-making areas:

Symphony Hall

Conduct the Boston Pops as they play their signature rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever". Using technology specifically developed for this exhibit, you can lead the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Control the volume and tempo of the Pops with a wave of the conductor's wand.

The Jazz Club

Jam with the coolest cats in town in this karaoke-style improvisation activity. Play with mixing sounds and experiment with tone and color in your very own jazz club.





Streetscape

Everything is an instrument on this street! Even the fences are designed so you can get your groove on. Join a drumming activity that adds light and color to your musical masterpiece. Practice beat-boxing as you make your own rhyme and rap, or mix and play back your own loops of sampled sounds.



Travelin' Tour Bus

Styled like the tour buses of today's major country acts, this bus has all of the glitz and sophistication you would expect as a star on the country scene. In the bus are two guitars and a keyboard so that you can jam on your way to your next gig.



The Sock Hop

Dance your socks off in our school gym! See yourself on the big screen as you learn the dance crazes that rocked the nation from the 1950s to today. From the Twist to the Stroll, to the Old School Slide, this beat will go straight to your feet!



What inspired the stars?

Yo Yo Ma, Keith Lockhart, Harry Connick Jr., Raffi, Branford Marsalis, and Alison Kraus talk about early inspirations, their passion for music, family traditions and the great musicians who motivated them.

Elements of Music

Learn the basics - rhythm, tempo and tone with a talented music educator helping children and families make memorable music connections.

Hosting Making America's Music

2,500 square feet, 9' ceilings needed.

Complete marketing manual with sample press releases and print-ready invitations, announcements, logos, and photos provided.

Complete educational manual with visitor activities, staff materials, and school group ideas included.

Maintenance manual and technician during installation included.



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