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EULENSPIEGEL PUPPETS, FAMILY PICNIC AT ART CENTER

Free family events are planned this June at the Muscatine Art Center

MUSCATINE, Iowa - The winter months gone, the weather is changing, and it is almost summer. The Muscatine Art Center delighted to invite families for a couple of **FREE** outdoor family events to celebrate spring's awakening of nature and the promise of a summer filled with fun in the outdoors.

"We are really excited to host these family events coming up in June," Katy Loos, Muscatine Art Center Program Coordinator, said. "The Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre has always been a great partner, and we are excited to have them back for this bilingual performance. We are



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beautiful grounds. It is always a pleasure to see Muscatine families come out for a visit also happy to offer another family picnic on our .”

To open the June festivities, the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company from West Liberty will perform *Uncle Rabbit's Adventures (Las Aventuras de Tio Conejo)* at 12:30 p.m. on June 10. Uncle Rabbit's Adventures combines two trickster tales into one delightful story celebrating the victory of the small but clever rabbit over his larger, wealthier, and more powerful adversary. This story is presented bilingually and features live music.

This free performance will be held in the Brad Burns Performing Arts Park (on Mulberry Avenue on the north side of the Muscatine Art Center). Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch to enjoy before the performance. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be held in the Music Room. Registration is not required. The performance is part of a multi-cultural series funded by a grant from the Mary Jo and Richard Stanley Human Conditions Fund.

Returning this year to the grounds of the Muscatine Art Center is a family favorite ... the Family Picnic. The picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 24. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and a picnic lunch, and spread out on the Muscatine Art Center lawn. Free ice cream, sponsored by Kent Corporation, will be available.

Families will also experience the sights and sounds of the historic Tanglewood calliope, and kids are invited to paint the windows of the outdoor courtyard. “Take & Make” kits will be available to complete at home.





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In the studio, attendees can participate in creating parts of the “Tree of Acknowledgement”, a community-based sculpture from artist Nancy Judd, commissioned by the Stanley Center for Peace and Security. Read more about the project at www.muscatineartcenter.org/happenings/events/family-picnic. Registration is not required.

For a full schedule of events, programs, and classes for the month of June and beyond, visit www.muscatineartcenter.org or visit the Muscatine Art Center Facebook page.

The Muscatine Art Center is located at 1314 Mulberry Avenue in Muscatine, Iowa. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated. Visit muscatineartcenter.org for more information about programs and events. Please contact Katy Loos, Program Coordinator, with any questions about our upcoming programs at 563-263-8282 or by email at kloos@muscataineiowa.gov.

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