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M&G Christmas Celebration Takes Children Across the Globe

Children do not need a plane ticket to enjoy a multicultural Christmas experience this year!

Families will get a taste of holiday traditions from around the world at the Museum & Gallery's annual *Children's Christmas Celebration* on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the museum's Wade Hampton location.

Two Christmas parties, one at 12:30 p.m. and another at 3:30 p.m., will feature an assortment of art activities, music, traditions, and food.

"It's a nice outing for a family," said Ruth Vidal, M&G's elementary education outreach coordinator. "The event is set up in stations, so families can enjoy walking through the museum at their own pace."

Upon arrival, each child will receive a passport and have their photo ID taken. The passport grants them admission to each cultural and craft station including stops at diverse countries such as Mexico, Greece, and France. Along the way, young adventurers will examine various European paintings depicting the Christmas story and be able to sample international cookies and Mexican hot chocolate.

The celebration features two programs designed to be both fun and educational including an interactive music presentation giving children the opportunity to hear ethnic instruments and carols sung by an international student choir. The program is directed by Dr. Sue Quindag of the Bob Jones University music faculty.

Erin Jones, M&G director, said that the *Children's Christmas Celebration* "is a unique M&G feature. The collection covers centuries of people's daily living on the European continent, which allows us to introduce a wide variety of cultures and traditions to kids and families here in South Carolina."

The *Children's Christmas Celebration* will be held at the Museum & Gallery's main location on the campus of Bob Jones University. Registration is available at www.bjumg.org/christmas-celebration or by calling 864-770-1331.

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