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**Salt Lake City Arts Council Funding Allows Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah to Hold Super Art Saturdays**  
*Grant Will Support Free Art Classes for the Public the First Saturday of Each Month*

**Salt Lake City, UT** – Continuing its 35-year commitment to present quality community programming, regardless of ability to pay, Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah will hold its first Salt Lake City Arts Council-funded Super Art Saturday on Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. This free event will be held in Discovery Gateway's Studio 444 (located on the museum's ground floor at 100 South), and features sculpture building and engineering with marshmallows and blocks.

The \$2,500 grant from the Salt Lake City Arts Council will cover the cost of one free Super Art Saturday per month through summer of 2015, with an average attendance of 250 young artists per month.

Super Art Saturday is a monthly class within Discovery Gateway's year-round Artworks program, the goal of which is to increase youth access to arts experiences and to professional artists. Artworks promotes the importance of easy access to arts experiences, in addition to fostering an enduring appreciation for the arts. Children are given the chance to participate in hands-on arts activities, ranging from painting and sculpting, to illustrating and building, and will work in our Studio 444 gallery space both creating and displaying their art.

"We're grateful for the continued support of Salt Lake City Arts Council, and are thrilled to offer free Super Art Saturday programming to the community," said Maria Farrington, Discovery Gateway Chief Executive Officer. "We know that access to quality art experiences at a young age brings with it significant developmental benefits, including improved motor skills, language development, decision making and visual learning. As the preeminent educational amenity for families with young children in the downtown cultural core, we know these classes will give entire families excellent art opportunities they will remember long after they've left our building."

Historically, the program has focused on cultural diversity within art, and has included Japanese, Polynesian, Native American, African American, Thai, Jewish, Swedish, and Mexican artists in the past. Future programming will continue to weave in these cultural programming themes, in addition to activities highlighting master artists and their techniques, plus workshops focused on the interaction of science and art as complimentary disciplines. Programming is facilitated and led by Discovery

Gateway's team of museum educators, is recommended for ages four and older, and does not require advance registrations. Drop-ins are welcome, and families are encouraged to stop by any time from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Discovery Gateway's Studio 444 is also supported by a generous grant from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation.

For more information on Super Art Saturday, call (801) 456-KIDS (5437) or visit [www.discoverygateway.org](http://www.discoverygateway.org).

### **About Salt Lake City Arts Council**

*The Salt Lake City Arts Council, founded in the late 1970s, was created to ensure that the community established a local arts organization to provide public programming and support for the arts. The organization has developed a balance between producing programs and supporting other arts activities throughout the City through grant funds. The City Arts Grants Program is designed to provide financial support to artists, arts organizations, nonprofits, and elementary schools conducting arts programming in Salt Lake City that merit public funding. Because City Arts Grants are supported with public tax dollars, the board places a priority on those programs that best reflect the Arts Council's mission and serve the residents of Salt Lake City.*

### **About Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah:**

*Discovery Gateway: The Children's Museum of Utah is located in downtown Salt Lake City at 444 West 100 South and is a contemporary discovery center offering 60,000 square feet of interactive, hands-on fun. The engaging workshops, programs, and exhibits invite the whole family to create, learn, and play together. It is the mission of Discovery Gateway to inspire children of all ages to imagine, discover, and connect with their world to make a difference. For information, please call (801) 456-5437, or visit us at [www.discoverygateway.org](http://www.discoverygateway.org)*

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