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Film, Music, and Art Highlighted in National Museum of American Jewish History's Fall Programming

The National Museum of American Jewish History is excited to announce a rich and diverse public programming schedule for the fall.

Illustrating the Margins: Celebrating Children's Book Illustrators

The Museum is thrilled to present the following series of programs in conjunction with *The Snowy Day and the Art of Ezra Jack Keats* and The Rosenbach of the Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation's special anniversary exhibition, *The Night Max Wore His Wolf Suit: 50 Years of Wild Things*. Reciprocal admission discounts available through February 2014.

Grandparents' Day

Sunday, September 8 from 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Free for children and grandparents at NMAJH and the Rosenbach

In honor of Grandparents' Day, the Museum will host family-friendly activities. Additionally, a family guide to the exhibition will be available. Activities will include:

Keats-Inspired Crafts

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Participants can create a mini-book, design a dream hat, make a puppet, and more.

Story Corner

11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm

The Snowy Day, *Where the Wild Things Are*, and other stories will be read aloud for participants.



Photo Credit: Matthew Christopher

Animated Films of Keats and Sendak Classics

11:00 am to 4:30 pm

Will include *The Snowy Day*, *Whistle for Willie*, *Peter's Chair*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *In the Night Kitchen*, *The Nutshell Kids*, and other favorites.

Chalk Art on the Plaza

11:30 am to 4:00 pm

The NMAJH plaza will become a canvas for intergenerational art making. Participants will work with a professional artist to fill the space with their illustrations.

Docent-Led Tours of the Museum's Core and Keats Exhibition

11:30 am and 2:30 pm

Spaces can be reserved at the admissions desk.

An Afternoon of Sendak on Film

Sunday, October 13

FREE with Museum Admission

As the Museum celebrates the work of Ezra Jack Keats, it also recognizes Maurice Sendak, an award-winning American Jewish writer whose books inspire children around the globe.

11:00 am *Tell Them Anything You Want: A Portrait of Maurice Sendak* (USA, 2009, 38 min)

3:00 pm *Where the Wild Things Are* (USA, 2009, 101 min)



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Panel Discussion: Children's Literature and Social Justice

Wednesday, October 16 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

\$8/FREE for NMAJH, Rosenbach, and Philadelphia Museum of Art Members

This panel discussion will explore the role of children's literature as a vehicle for social justice and for empowering children, inspired by the work of Ezra Jack Keats and Maurice Sendak. Speakers include renowned illustrator **Jerry Pinkney**, award-winning illustrator **Bryan Collier**, and **Patrick Rodgers**, the Rosenbach's Sendak Collection curator.



Photo Credit: Thomas Kristich
Jerry Pinkney

Additional Fall Programming

A Taste of Opera: Nabucco

Sunday, September 15 from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

FREE, reservations required

Presented by Opera Philadelphia and the Museum, this one-hour program at NMAJH will feature selections from several Verdi operas, including highlights from *Nabucco*, which recounts the biblical story of Nebuchadnezzar and includes the famous *Chorus of Hebrew Slaves*. Several cast members from Opera Philadelphia's production of *Nabucco* will perform, including two Metropolitan Opera National Council Audition Winners, mezzo-soprano **Margaret Mezzacappa** and bass-baritone **Musa Ngquangwana**.



Philadelphia Premiere of *Breaking Home Ties* and Opening Reception for Special Exhibition

Now Showing: "Pop" Lubin's Silent Film *Empire*

Sunday, September 22

Opening Reception for Exhibition at 6:00 pm

Film Screening at 7:00 pm

\$18/\$15 Members

NMAJH will host the Philadelphia premiere of *Breaking Home Ties* (USA, 1922, 78 min), the last film produced by Philadelphia's own Betzwood Motion Picture Studio. Event includes an original score performed live, and exclusive access to the opening reception for the Museum's special exhibition, *Now Showing: "Pop" Lubin's Silent Film Empire*, about motion picture pioneer and Betzwood founder, Sigmund Lubin. This exhibition will run through February 7, 2014. Discussion to follow featuring **Dr. Joseph P. Eckhardt**, Professor Emeritus of History at Montgomery County Community College, and **Lisa Rivo**, Associate Director of the National Center for Jewish Film.



Photo Credit: The National Center for Jewish Film

Film restoration and new English subtitles by the National Center for Jewish Film.

Exhibition release coming soon.

Who Should be an American?

The Past and Future of Immigration Policy

Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 pm

\$8/FREE for NMAJH and National Constitution Center Members and PennCard holders

Joseph Berger, longtime metropolitan reporter for *The New York Times* and author of two books addressing immigration, will moderate this forum featuring **Tamar Jacoby**, president



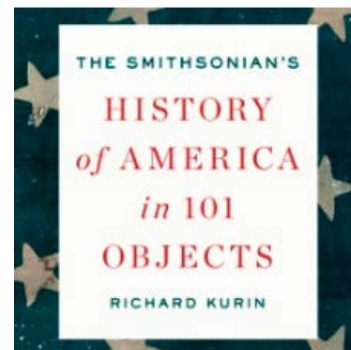
New American citizens were sworn in at the naturalization ceremony hosted by the Museum in May.

and CEO of ImmigrationWorks USA, and **Mae Ngai**, the Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of History at Columbia University.

In partnership with University of Pennsylvania's Jewish Studies Program and Social Science Policy Forum, co-sponsored by the National Constitution Center, and supported by the Arlene and Stanley Ginsburg Family Foundation.

The Smithsonian's History of America in 101 Objects
Tuesday, November 12 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
\$12/\$8 Members

Author talk featuring **Richard Kurin**, Smithsonian Under Secretary for History, Art, and Culture. Don't miss this inside look at American history through the treasures of the Smithsonian, including objects currently on view at the Museum.



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The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the 350-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. NMAJH is closed most Mondays, including federal holidays and some Jewish holidays. Museum admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID. On Wednesdays through Labor Day, the Museum will stay open until 8:00 pm and admission after 5:00 PM is pay-what-you-wish. For information on the Museum, the public may call 215.923.3811 or visit the website at <http://www.nmajh.org>.

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