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### Portland Children's Museum and The Living School of Art Open New Exhibition

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – Portland Children's Museum is excited to collaborate with The Living School of Art to host an art exhibition opening on Friday, January 18, 2019, from 5–6:30 p.m. The exhibition at the Museum includes individual artworks made by members of the The Living School of Art and artwork made in collaboration with artists Jodie Cavalier, Amanda Leigh Evans, Laura Medina, Victor Maldonado, and Eunice Tapia. Pieces include paintings and drawings that tell personal stories of migration, an installation of life-sized jellyfish made from recycled materials, and participatory artworks. In addition, there will be concurrent programming related to the gallery led by artist Eunice Tapia and young creators from The Living School of Art.

*"The Living School of Art is a project that empowers young people as artists and storytellers, and recognizes the creative practices that are already part of our daily lives. Art is not something separate from ourselves, it's not something we have to visit a museum in downtown to experience. It's right here in our homes, in our kitchens, in our community too. We center around the traditions and creative practices in each of our cultures, and speak about them with the same artistic respect and value that is placed on contemporary art. Our exhibition at Portland Children's Museum includes some of the work we have been doing together over the past three years."*

*-Amanda Leigh Evans, artist, educator and craftsperson*

After the 5–6:30 p.m. opening on January 18, *The Living School of Art* exhibition will be open every day from January 19, 2019, to May 31, 2019, from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

#### **About The Living School of Art**

The Living School of Art (LSA) is a living art project co-led by neighbors in a city-block square affordable apartment complex in East Portland, OR. As neighbors, we are both students and teachers in this project we are shaping through our life together. LSA centers around the creative actions each of us has developed through personal experiences or ancestral traditions, and seeks a collective art

practice that honors each neighbor's story. The art we live and teach together includes maintenance, cooking, domestic crafts, dancing, gardening, storytelling, and art-making.

The Living School of Art follows the form of a traditional art school, but the context and roles are shifted, and any neighbor of any age can lead within the school. The program includes rotating exhibitions in eight laundry rooms, an artist residency program, visiting artist workshops, a collectively led women's art group, a youth art program, site-specific artworks, and a community garden.

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### **About Portland Children's Museum**

Portland Children's Museum is located at 4015 SW Canyon Road in Portland and is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Children 0-10 and their grown-ups discover a world of hands-on experiences designed to let their creativity and imagination soar. Our mission is to develop innovative problem-solvers through playful learning experiences, and there's no better place to have fun and learn at the same time! Explore nature in Outdoor Adventure, splash in Water Works, create in Clay and Maker Studios, and pretend play in The Market, Pet Hospital, and Theater—plus so much more. Come make, play, and share with us!

**LOCATION** In Washington Park across from Oregon Zoo; 4015 SW Canyon Road, Portland, 97221

**HOURS** 9 a.m.–5 p.m. daily

**DAILY ADMISSION** Museum members: Free | Under age 1: Free | Ages 1–64: \$11 | Ages 65+: \$10 | Military: \$9

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