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Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine receives \$3,000 for cultural arts programming from Target

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Portland, ME (August 5th, 2009) – Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine announced that it has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from Target. The award from Target is a one-time gift to fund a cultural arts performance series for Portland area elementary school students.

The performance series will be part of a multicultural arts program that has been offered in and around the *We Are Maine* exhibit for the past four years. *We Are Maine* uses video testimonials and cultural games, foods and traditions to highlight connections between Maine families and countries around the world. Target's gift will fund visits from professional musicians, dancers and performers from around the world, as well as admissions for students and educators.

Since 1946, Target has given 5 percent of its income to the communities it serves. Target stores carry on this tradition by making local grants and supporting volunteer initiatives. Target is proud to partner with the Museum & Theatre to make the arts education affordable and accessible for families and communities nationwide.

About Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine

The Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine (CMTM) exists to inspire discovery and imagination through exploration and play. The Museum & Theatre serves as an indispensable resource for families and educators, helping to create a broad community devoted to our children's development and learning.

Offering 20 unique exhibits, dozens of theatre performances and thousands of hours of educational programs and activities, CMTM welcomes more than 100,000 visitors annually and has more than 1,700 member families. In 2002 the Children's Museum of Maine was voted 14th in the nation by Child Magazine. The organization became the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine in November of 2008 when the Children's Museum and the Children's Theatre merged, broadening the scope of arts education and creative play in Greater Portland. As CMTM grows, its Board and staff remain dedicated to proactively addressing the evolving needs of the community. For more information, please visit www.kitetails.org.



As part of an April 2008 We Are Maine program, children experimented with Zambian instruments and dancing.