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## Toddler Time Kicks-Off New Season at Birch Aquarium

Popular children's series featuring music, art, yoga, and more kicks-off September 11 and continues every other Wednesday.

La Jolla, Calif. (Aug. 29, 2019)—In September, Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego relaunches Toddler Time, a series of fun and engaging events geared towards guests ages 2 to 5. Toddler Time will take place every other Wednesday morning beginning at 10 a.m. and features, live music, dancing, art activities, yoga, and more.

After the summer hiatus, fall's Toddler Time relaunch features guest-favorite performers like Kathryn the Grape and Hullabaloo, as well as new experiences like mommy and me yoga with Seed & Song.

"Toddler Time provides a special experience for young children and their caregivers, with activities tailored to their interests and needs," said Nan Renner, Senior Director of Learning Design and Innovation at Birch Aquarium. "Storytelling, art, music, and movement connect young learners with nature, the ocean, and other people, imbued with a spirit of fun and joy."

Each Toddler Time event will feature a different theme presented by a special guest. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate in the activities.

Toddler Time kicks-off September 11 and runs through May. Performers for September and October are as follows:

- September 11: Music & Movement with Kathryn the Grape
- September 25: Little Aquarium Artists with Spramani Elaun
- October 9: Yoga with Seed & Song
- October 23: Singing, Dancing, and Playing with Hullabaloo

Be sure to <u>Visit the website for additional Toddler Time dates and activities</u>. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver during Toddler Time, which is included in the cost of aquarium admission. Tickets are \$19.50 for adults, \$15 for children (3-17) and free for children 2 and under. <u>Annual memberships are also available</u>.

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## About Birch Aquarium at Scripps

Birch Aquarium at Scripps is the public exploration center for the world-renowned Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the aquarium features more than 60 habitats of fishes and invertebrates from the cold waters of the Pacific Northwest to the tropical waters of Mexico and the western Pacific. An interactive museum showcases research discoveries by Scripps scientists on climate, earth and ocean science, and features interactive elements. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Birch Aquarium has an annual attendance of more than 470,000, including 50,000 school children.

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