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National Hellenic Museum highlights ancient Greek gods in monthly Family Story Time series featuring mythology and crafts

On Saturdays, April 5, May 10 and June 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Additional free programs this spring include Young Readers Book Club featuring popular Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, a hands-on photography workshop, and constellation mapping inspired by Greek mythology

CHICAGO (March 17, 2025)—The <u>National Hellenic Museum</u> (NHM) in Chicago's historic Greektown neighborhood is excited to continue its Saturday morning **Family Story Time** series at the Museum this spring, sharing stories of the ancient Greek gods alongside related crafts and activities for children. Events are free to attend with advance registration on NHM's Eventbrite page <u>HERE</u>, and include admission to all current exhibitions at the Museum.

Upcoming Family Story Time programs at NHM (333 S. Halsted Street) include **Hades: The Lord of the Dead** on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 5 at 10:30 a.m.</u>; **Athena: The Goddess of Wisdom** on <u>Saturday</u>, May 10 at 10:30 a.m.; and **Apollo: The God of Everything** on Saturday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Continuing this exploration of mythology, the Museum is also hosting a **Young Readers Book Club** online throughout April and May, featuring the *New York Times* bestselling series Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan. Free registration is available on Eventbrite HERE.

NHM's mission is to share Greek history, art, culture, and the Greek American story in relevant and engaging ways. Through the Family Story Time series and Young Readers Book Club, the Museum helps young people make connections between the past and present, while exploring the lasting relevance of ancient Greek stories and themes.

Additional free in-person educational programs at the Museum this spring include:

Picture Perfect: A Photography Workshop with Diane Alexander White

Saturday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m. (Registration HERE)

Led by featured NHM artist Diane Alexander White (*Gather Together: Chicago Street Photography*), this hands-on photography workshop for families will teach kids creative techniques to capture unique perspectives. Pulling inspiration from the *Gather Together* exhibit, kids will explore lighting, composition, and storytelling through their lenses. Note: participants must bring their own camera, cell phone or other photography device.

Star Gazing, Constellation Mapping and Greek Myths

Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. (Registration HERE)

Students will learn about the myths surrounding the constellations first mapped by the Ancient Greek philosopher Hipparchus. This event takes place on the summer solstice so attendees can go home and look at the constellations they just learned about. Attendees will make their own constellations on canvas to take home and enjoy.

About the National Hellenic Museum

The **National Hellenic Museum** (NHM) has a mission to share Greek history, art, culture and the Greek American story. NHM preserves the Hellenic legacy and makes this rich heritage relevant today through its extensive collection of more than 10,000 physical artifacts, hundreds of oral histories, exhibitions, educational programs and special events. Originally founded in 1983 and located in Chicago's historic Greektown neighborhood since 2011, NHM provides lifelong learning for the community and sparks inquiry and discussion about the broader issues in our lives and society. Regular Museum hours are Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit nationalhellenicmuseum.org or call 312-655-1234.