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Family Fun is Free this Weekend at the Abbe Museum

Whether you're an avid museum visitor or you're looking for something to do with the kids, the Abbe Museum should definitely be on this weekend's to do list.

This Saturday, June 6th, The Abbe Museum will present a Storytelling Mural Performance with Laughing Couple Duo, Rick Hunt and Carolyn Black, both from the Abenaki tribe. Carolyn, who is a well known storyteller, will entertain museum visitors with a Wabanaki Creation story while artist Rick Hunt illustrates it in a colorful wall mural. This performance piece, funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, will become a permanent addition to the Abbe Museum's exhibits and will welcome visitors, and especially children, to the museum's "Family Circle", where demonstrations and workshops geared for children and families are offered. Saturday's performance is scheduled from 11:00 to 12:00 noon and the museum will be admission free for everyone during that time. Rick will continue to work on the mural in the afternoon hours and visitors are encouraged to watch as it comes to life.

On Sunday, June 7th, the Abbe Museum will hold their Community Open House. Both museum locations will offer free admission from open to close and will host a variety of exciting and educational events for you and your family to enjoy. At the Abbe Museum's Downtown location, from 2:00 to 4:00, enjoy a hands on display of cultural objects that help tell the story of what Maine was like before European contact. From 3:00 to 5:00 the Burnurwurbskeg Singers, a traditional Wabanaki men's drum group will perform Native American drumming and singing. The Storytelling Mural Performance with Abenaki artists Carolyn Black and Rick Hunt will continue on Sunday, with performances from 11:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 2:00. These performances will include the traditional Frog Monster story and a contemporary story written by the duo about community.

The Abbe Museum Downtown is located at 26 Mount Desert Street in Bar Harbor across from the Village Green and Island Explorer bus stop and is open from 10:00 – 6:00 daily. The "original" Abbe Museum, opened in 1928, is located trailside at Sieur de Monts Spring inside Acadia National Park and is open daily from 9:00 – 4:00.

For more information about these events or the Abbe Museum call (207)288-3519 or visit www.abbemuseum.org

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