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YOUR HOUSE, MY HOUSE OPENS AT LONG ISLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Explore Big Houses, Little Houses, Floating Houses and Houses You Carry

Long Island Children's Museum is hosting a three-month long "open house" when it welcomes *Your House, My House (Su Casa, Mi Casa)* to its traveling exhibit gallery. The exhibit, which runs October 8 through January 8, 2017, takes visitors on a fantastic journey into the homes of people around the world – *no passport or luggage required!* Visitors will have the chance to step inside a Mongolian herder's ger, a stilt house from a Malaysian fishing village and an m'bure from the tropics of Fiji.

"This bi-lingual exhibit brings geography, history and architecture lessons to life for visitors of all ages," explains LICM President Suzanne LeBlanc. "As they explore housing styles from around the world, children will make connections on how the physical environment – climate, geographic setting and material availability – influences the way houses are built."

Exhibit activities include designing, building and visiting homes ... large (walk-in) houses, small houses, floating houses and even houses that pack and up and go with a family (*ger*). Visitors can try their hand at home design by creating their own "dream house" on a drafting table or with a computer program. Families can also examine interior elements, such as furniture, cooking utensils, games and musical instruments to gain insights into how lifestyle and culture are reflected in homes.

The exhibit addresses a range of learning styles to ensure that all children get the maximum benefit from their visit to "*Your House, My House.*" Options include walk-in environments, maps, photographs, drafting tables and design software programs.

During the exhibit's stay, the Children's Museum has planned themed programming to complement the exhibit experience. Upcoming workshops include:

- **Ger-azy for Yurts** - Saturday, October 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about a special type of house built by a group of people who travel from place to place. Mongolian

gers, also known as yurts, are a type of round tent house covered with felt. Then, make your own miniature gers using paint and clay!

- **Goodnight Little House** -Saturday, November 5 at 1 p.m. *Goodnight Moon* is a best-selling classic children's book, and a popular musical running in the LICM Theater the month! Come celebrate the legacy of this popular bedtime story and be inspired by our new exhibit, *Your House My House*, as you craft your own miniature paper dollhouse in the style of the colorful book.
- **The Water Princess @ LICM** Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 1 and 3 p.m. As a complement to LICM's "Your House, My House" exhibit, join popular kids author, Susan Verde, for readings of her new book, "The Water Princess" based on the childhood experience of top NY fashion model and former Ms. Africa, Georgie Badiel, and shares the story of a child's journey from her home every day to collect clean water.

In the coming year, Long Island Children's Museum will present two additional traveling exhibits: **Klutz® Amazingly Immature** (Winter 2017), which was produced by the Children's Museum of Houston in partnership with KLUTZ® and is supported locally by Astoria Bank; and **Pattern Wizardry** (Summer 2017).

About the Long Island Children's Museum

Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) invites visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to explore freely, discover their passions, and appreciate the communities and world we share. Through interdisciplinary activities, children and adults can share in the excitement of the learning process. LICM is committed to providing an enjoyable museum experience for all of its visitors. All of the museum's exhibits are wheelchair accessible. Designed for infants through 12 and their grown-ups, LICM is a private, not-for-profit institution chartered by the New York State Board of Regents.

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Your House, My House – bilingual exhibit exploring homes around the world in residence at Long Island Children's Museum.

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Children fish off the porch of a Malaysian stilt house – one of three walk-in homes featured in the Your House, My House exhibit.

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Children prepare food served at a traditional *lovo* feast outside a Fijian m'bure at LICM.

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Explore how geography, climate and available materials influence home design.

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Parents and children try their hand at building design at LICM.