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AIHA'S DECEMBER ART BREAK THE PERFECT WAY TO SPEND VACATION

ALBANY, NY— For those wondering how to spend their week off from school, the Albany Institute of History & Art has the perfect option- Vacation Art Break! Students are invited to make their own toys and games during this three-day art workshop taking place December 27, 28, and 29.

Inspired by the *Kid Stuff* exhibition currently on display, students will visually explore the ideas of gaming from development of concept, design, and strategies to creation of a finished game board and pieces. They will enhance their two dimensional and three dimensional thinking skills by building with a variety of media including paint, markers, model magic, and found objects. Students will also participate in a scavenger hunt, Kid Tic Tac Toe, and create small toys to share with family and friends.

The 3-Day Vacation Art Break will take place at the Albany Institute of History & Art on 125 Washington Avenue, Albany. The sessions will take place Tuesday, December 27 through Thursday, December 29 from 9 AM to NOON for children ages 6-8, and 1 to 4 PM for students ages 9-11. Tuition is \$60 for non-members and \$45 for members for all three days. Registration is required. For more information visit albanyinstitute.org or contact Barbara Collins, Education Coordinator, at (518) 463-4478, ext. 405.

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Related Exhibition:

KID STUFF: Great Toys from Our Childhood

THROUGH MARCH 4, 2012

Kid Stuff, an interactive exhibition based on the book by David Hoffman, takes us back to the age of tailfins and vinyl records with more than 40 vintage toys, which reveal a fascinating look at invention and innovation, social history and industrial growth, play and entertainment. *Main Floor Galleries*

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The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson

River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of performances, lectures, and festivals, to its outstanding educational and family programming, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. One of America's oldest museums, the Albany Institute of History & Art was founded in 1791, during the presidency of George Washington, making it older than the Louvre, the Smithsonian, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Visit www.albanyinstitute.org for more information, and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute).

The Albany Institute of History & Art is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM and Sundays NOON-5 PM. The museum is closed on Monday and open for pre-registered groups only on Tuesday. The library is open Thursdays 1:30-4:30 PM and by appointment.

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