

November 18, 2009



To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of the application from the Thingamajigs.org, an organization I have had the pleasure of working with for the past several years. As the Family Program Coordinator at the Oakland Museum of California, I first became acquainted with Thingamajigs.org through their involvement in our *Family Explorations!* program in May 2005.

Most recently, I worked with Thingamajigs.org in developing a family program *Gallery of Thingamajigs* in September 2008 at the Oakland Museum of California. We've gotten so many compliments on the program from the museum visitors. In the *Gallery of Thingamajigs* family day, families were invited to explore a variety of activities about sounds/ musical instruments in museum's Natural Sciences Gallery. There were 5 musical acts: Toychestra performed by the mural at the entrance of Gallery, Ramin Zoufonoun played on the Persian-tuned piano, Saul Stokes builds his own electronic music instruments and performed by the redwood tree in the Coastal Mountains area, when the moment he performed, we felt that the OMCA shared such great and powerful moments with the visitors. In her own words, one parent commented "*I could not explain, but I felt I'm flying around the woods.*" Lisa Sangita Moskow and Tom Nunn played a 25-stringed lute from North India, and an experimental instrument; Last group of artists was the Crank Ensemble, located by the desert scene at the back of the Gallery. The visitors seemed to enjoy the performance.

By the Koi Pond, families made their own musical instruments which could turn into a spinning toy led by Dylan Bolles and Ted Coffey. We set up a play area for families to test and play their toys and many families wait in line and tested their artworks and we heard many "wow.... oh...." These musical instruments making activity was simple enough for younger children to enjoy.

It has been a joy to work with Thingamajigs.org and I feel honored to work with them. Certainly we are happy to host Thingamajigs.org to our future *Family Explorations!* programs and beyond at the Oakland Museum of California!

Please feel free to contact me at the number below with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Snowy Tung".

Snowy Tung
Family Program Coordinator
Oakland Museum of California
Education Department
510/ 238-2184
E-mail: snowy@museumca.org