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## **Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Detroit Public Television Partner in Grant from New York City Public Television Station THIRTEEN**

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum today announced a partnership with Detroit Public Television to deliver custom education activities on the science of music. The Museum and Detroit Public Television (DPTV) were selected along with 9 other institutional partnerships across the U.S. to receive National Science Foundation grant funds through LAB@thirteen, the Educational and Community Outreach Department of New York City public television station THIRTEEN.

The activities will be based off of a recent two-hour PBS documentary, *The Music Instinct: Science & Song*, which explores the connections between music and the human body, mind, and natural world.

Grant funds will provide science workshops for Forest School, Ypsilanti, an alternative day treatment program administered by Ypsilanti Public Schools for emotionally impaired students in Washtenaw County. Funds will also go toward a public event at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, with unique music and science activities and a live remote radio broadcast by WRCJ 90.9 FM, Classical and Jazz radio station managed by DPTV.

“This outreach initiative is a chance for Detroit Public Television and the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum to bring together our unique assets to help bring education where it is needed most,” said Mel Drumm, executive director, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

The public event is planned for spring of 2010. The documentary, *The Music Instinct*, will be rebroadcast on DPTV’s Channel 56 in anticipation of the public event.

“Detroit Public TV’s programming aims to help people improve their lives, and this collaboration with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum creates a direct link for the programming and music to benefit children at Forest School and visitors to the museum,” added Dan Alpert, COO and Station Manager, DPTV.



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### **About the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum**

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum provides more than 250 interactive exhibits that spark the imagination. The Museum is a regional destination attracting over 200,000 visitors every year. The mission of the Museum is to inspire people to discover the wonder of science, math and technology. Visit [www.aahom.org](http://www.aahom.org) or call 734.995.5439 for more information.

### **Detroit Public Television**

Detroit Public Television is the PBS member station viewed by 1.6 million people a week in Southeast Michigan. Its mission is to educate, entertain, and inspire, in partnership with the community—including other organizations like the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. DPTV also creates content for and operates the websites [dptv.org](http://dptv.org), [wrcjfm.org](http://wrcjfm.org), [MiEarth.org](http://MiEarth.org), and [MiVote.org](http://MiVote.org), and manages WRCJ 90.9 FM in association with the Detroit Public Schools.

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