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KIDS' NIGHT OUT IN DOWNTOWN SOUTH BEND FRIDAY, MAY 7!

SOUTH BEND, IN – First Fridays Downtown South Bend celebrates its first anniversary with a Kids' Night Out event from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, May 7. Downtown South Bend businesses will feature a combination of free and paid; activities, crafts and entertainment for kids of all ages and their families. Activities begin at 5:00 p.m. with magic, music, a puppet show & dinner, juggling, kite making, horse drawn carriage rides, dinner specials and more scheduled throughout the night.

At 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. catch two free *Abracadabra Magic Shows* at The State Café. Plan to have a bite to eat before or after the show at the State Café's popular Spaghetti Buffet. Cost is just \$5.50 per person.

Make dinner and show reservations now for the ROZ Puppets Kids' Dinner Theatre at Tippecanoe Place Restaurant! Rufus and the gang from ROZ Puppets will present a new show, *The Magic Fish*, starting at 6:30 p.m. A menu just for children and their families will be available along with a special kid's dessert bar. To make dinner and puppet show reservations please call Tippecanoe Place Restaurant at 574.234.9077.

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Live music can be heard downtown throughout the night. Stop by Fiddler's Hearth for the Young Irish Musician Showcase from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. featuring Irish musician John Kennedy and friends. Catch the Key Bank Concert featuring singer/song writer Judy Berg. Judy will play from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. outdoors, weather permitting, on the Key Bank Plaza corner of S. Michigan St. and Jefferson Blvd. Judy will perform songs she loves from the 70's, 80's and 90's along with her own originals peppered in for good measure. The experience is moving and mellow at the same time. Other live musical performances will be taking place at The South Bend Chocolate Café, Chicory Café and Backstage Grill. Check the DtsbFirstFridays.com Web site for more information.

If kites, Origami and crafts are more your thing then plan on visiting Spark Fine Stationery, the College Football Hall of Fame, the South Bend Museum of Art, and The South Bend Chocolate Café. Learn the art of Origami (paper folding) at Spark Fine Stationery from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., then head next door to Bombay International and pick through a complimentary grab basket of trinkets and toys.

Kites, kites and more kites will be on display and for sale at the College Football Hall of Fame. Want to make your own kite? Then take part in a free kite making activity and try out your new kite on the Gridiron. While at the College Football Hall of Fame join in the fun of making a beautiful butterfly magnet to take home. The kite and magnet activities are free.

The South Bend Museum of Art will be open from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will host a summer activity sneak peek for kids of all ages, so don't miss out. This too is a free activity!

Make mom or your special someone a gift for Mother's Day. Ceramic painting will be taking place at The South Bend Chocolate Café from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. There is a cost to participate which includes the ceramic item, paint and firing.

Want to make Mom something extra special? Cross over to the East Bank Village and stop by Fire Arts where you can make clay figures to take home for \$5 each or try your hand at making a copper and melted glass item for only \$12. On the corner of Hill St. and Colfax Ave. check out Junk Evolution and Carpenter Gothic to make your very own special one of a kind decorated vase. This is a free activity.

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Speaking of special kid's items, Barnaby's Pizza will have free ice cream for children ages 12 years and under. Stop by from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for a sweet ice cream treat!

Are you a pirate or a princess? Find out at Emblazon Salon! There you'll have your hair color-sprayed and face painted for free. After discovering your princess or pirate side, scoot over to the Bear Bus located in the parking lot of the College Football Hall of Fame and make a cute stuffed animal. There will be a wide variety of animals to choose from with prices ranging from \$7 - \$13.

Don't forget, Dream Coach Carriages will be offering horse drawn surrey rides for \$2 per adult. Kids ride free, but must be accompanied by an adult. Ride will be located in front of the South Bend Chocolate Café.

Feel like laughing? Check-out vintage cartoons and movie shorts being shown in the Rockne Room at The South Bend Chocolate Café from 5:00 until 9:00 p.m. This activity is free and hosted by the St. Joseph County Public Library.

For a complete listing of May 7 activities, times and locations visit www.DtsbFirstFridays.com or call Downtown South Bend, Inc. at 574.282.1110.

First Fridays Downtown South Bend features over 35 participating businesses and takes place from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of every month. Participating businesses remain open or host special events such as live music, sidewalk cafés, demonstrations, celebrations, receptions and special offerings. Most events are free or at a reduced rate. Future First Friday 2010 dates are; June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5 and December 3.

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PHOTO ATTACHED:

Photo Caption – Face painting and balloons are popular at First Fridays Kids’ Night Out.

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