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## **LOUD DAY! Learn about medical history with a balloon blast scavenger hunt**

(KINGSTON, Ont.) – The Museum of Health Care, along with several other sites in Kingston, is partnering with the Kingston Association of Museums, Art Galleries, and Historic Sites (KAM) for a day of family friendly activities entitled “LOUD DAY.” As part of LOUD DAY, the Museum of Health Care will be hosting a “Balloon Blast Scavenger Hunt” on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. Registration is not required. Drop-in activities are free of charge. Museum admission is by donation.

The goal of LOUD DAY is to celebrate Kingston’s vibrant heritage community. It provides an opportunity to experience Kingston’s cultural sites in new ways. The Museum of Health Care is offering a special balloon scavenger hunt as well as other drop-in activities. Families are invited to stop by the museum to learn interesting facts about the history of health care and interact with noise-making artefacts from the museum’s handling collection. You will have the chance to use a stethoscope to listen to your heartbeat and learn more about your sense of hearing!

“We are excited to be a part of this event, especially since the goal of LOUD DAY is to raise awareness and encourage Kingston residents to visit local museums,” says Julia Blakey, Public Programming Assistant. “Museums are so often considered quiet and stuffy. We want to show families that museums can be loud, they can be fun, in addition to being educational,” she adds.

According to Public Programming Assistant Lucy Vorobej, the galleries will be filled with balloons that participants will have to pop in order to get clues. “We have several activities planned that relate to our sense of hearing,” Vorobej says. We are going to have the scavenger hunt, a ‘guess that noise’ game, and stethoscopes for listening to heartbeats. Visitors will also be able to enjoy our *Children’s Gallery*, and its craft area” she adds.

“LOUD DAY Balloon Blast Scavenger Hunt” will be held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. The activities are suitable for children of all ages. No registration is required. For more information on LOUD DAY, including other participating sites, please visit [www.kingstonmuseums.ca](http://www.kingstonmuseums.ca)

**Location:** 32 George Street, Ann Baillie Building National Historic Site  
**Date:** Saturday, June 8, 2013

**Time:** 10 am - 4 pm

**Cost:** Price of museum admission is by donation. No extra charge for activities.

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