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New Exhibition Reveals Inside Story about Toys

<<DATELINE>>If your parents never let you break open your Etch A Sketch® to find out how it works, or if you've been wondering how to stop your toddler's push toy from making such an infernal racket, you'll love *Toys: The Inside Story*. Visitors to <<MUSEUM>> will be among the first in the country to see this new exhibitions beginning <<DATE>>.

Toys includes 12 different hands-on stations illustrating the simple mechanisms commonly found in toys, and lets visitors create their own toy-like combinations of gears, pulleys, linkages, cams, and circuits.

Jack Gets Out of His Box gives visitors a close-up view of the cam combination that frees our hero "Jack," while elsewhere we unmask the amazing collection of switches, cams and motors that make *Elmo*® dance and *Mr. Machine*® run.

Many of the exhibits are free-form and open-ended: *Gears at Play* illustrates the effects of gear ratios as visitors figure out how to spin ballerinas and a carousel, while the *Jeepers Peepers* challenge at the pulley table may take a little experimentation to solve.

The exhibition was developed by the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich, Vt., with funding from a National Science Foundation grant awarded to seven museums across the country that comprise TEAMS (Traveling Exhibits at Museums of Science).

The exhibit open through <<DATE>>.