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## Poughkeepsie hosts Kids Expo this weekend

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"Mojo" Myles Mancuso (photo provided)

The 13th Annual Kids Expo will take place Saturday and Sunday in downtown Poughkeepsie.

Designed specifically for children and their families, Kids Expo will feature 150 local, regional and national businesses with the help of 250 volunteers. The event features fun, hands-on activities.

The annual parade on Sunday will step off at noon at the corner of Main Street and Hamilton, turning down Market Street, passing the Mid Hudson Civic Center, city hall, and continuing to the Poughkeepsie post office. Entertainment this year includes storytelling, dancing, musical performances and juggling.

New this year are activities at the YMCA such as a petting zoo, archery demonstrations and music for kids by Robert "Uncle Rock" Warren Burke.

Another new addition is child prodigy and entertainer, "Mojo" Myles Mancuso. Myles is a 12-year-old multi-instrumentalist who plays guitar, piano, bass and sax in his live performances. He won a national award for a song he wrote and played all the instruments on. Myles will perform both Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Poughkeepsie Grand. Advertisement

The Kids Expo Coalition is made up of four local nonprofit agencies: Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, REHAB Programs, Inc., Dutchess County YMCA, and Jewish Community Center of Dutchess County. All proceeds from Kids Expo will benefit the Coalition members, which provide programs to enrich the quality of life for children throughout the Hudson Valley.

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