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ACCLAIMED PUBLIC RADIO CHILDREN'S SHOW TRAVELS TO BUTTE

MISSOULA—

As part of Montana Public Radio's July celebration of all things **Butte**, the Pea Green Boat children's program will be broadcasting live from the mining city on Thursday, July 19.

The show will be broadcast with an audience of children and parents from the Mineral Museum at Montana Tech of The University of Montana.

Admission is free, and those who plan to attend are asked to be at the museum by 3:30 p.m. for seating and a pre-show warm-up. The show airs live from 4 to 5 p.m.

A reception will be held following the show from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the museum. There will be door prizes for adults and gift bags for the kids, and light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to meet and talk informally with staff from MTPR and Montana PBS.

Annie Garde, the skipper of the Pea Green Boat, will be present to steer the live show, sing a few songs and tell a story or two.

Garde will be joined by guests from Butte, including members of Dublin Gulch and children from the Mother Lode Theatre summer camp, who will perform "Broadway Baby!" – a musical written by Eden Atwood.

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MTPR has had a long-standing commitment to airing quality children's programs six days a week, practically since the station's inception.

The locally produced Pea Green Boat is the longest-running children's program airing on public radio in the nation. The show, which began with volunteers reading children's stories and playing songs, has become a cultural icon in western and central Montana, with listeners spanning four generations.

Both MTPR and Montana PBS are featuring programs about the history, culture and people of Butte throughout the month of July. Program listings are online at <http://www.mtpr.org> or <http://www.montanapbs.org>.

MTPR also is the Montana sponsor of the StoryCorps Mobile StoryBooth, which is recording stories in Butte through July 28.

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