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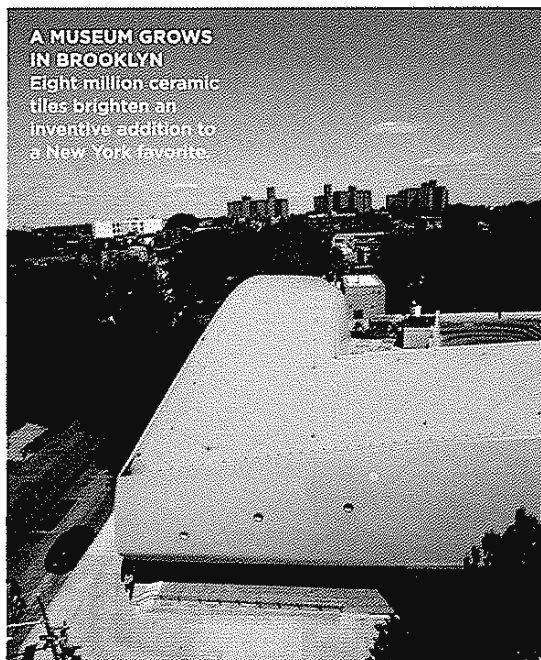


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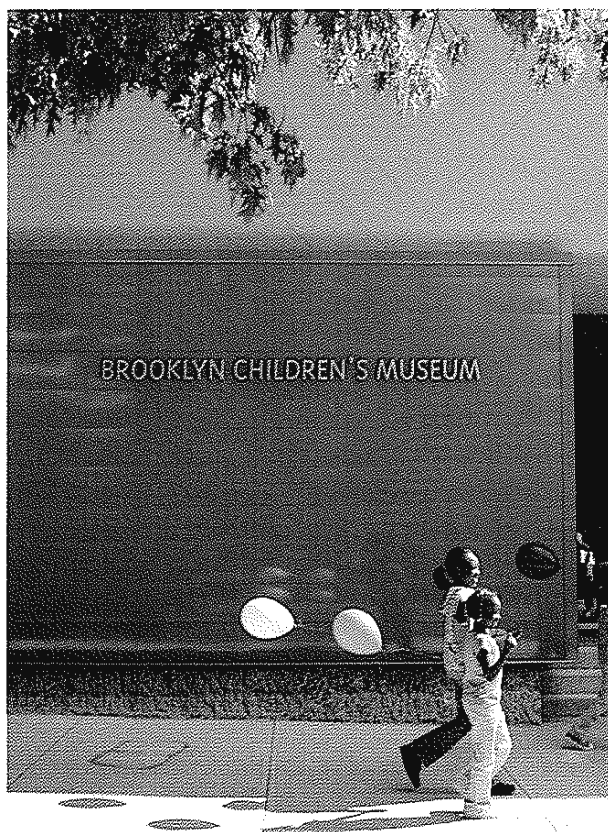
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A MUSEUM GROWS IN BROOKLYN
Eight million ceramic tiles brighten an inventive addition to a New York favorite.



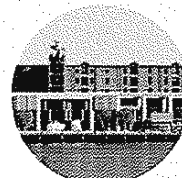
Play Awhile

Be the first to check out just-reopened children's museums—renovated galleries are geared for hands-on creating, and even ecstatic whoop-and-hollering!

BY ALISON GORAN

Call it a coming-of-age: several leading children's museums have recently expanded, all while serving as models of environmental stewardship. **Brooklyn Children's Museum** (718/735-4400; brooklynkids.org), the nation's first for kids, sports a new canary-yellow, Rafael Viñoly-designed upper level incorporating solar panels, and has display cases made of compressed sunflower seeds. See the just-unveiled permanent exhibit on Brooklyn's natural habitats (yes, New York City's most populous borough has woodlands and ocean tide pools). **Boston Children's Museum** (617/426-6500; bostonchildrensmuseum.org) acquired a striking glass-walled extension with a light-up dance floor and a three-story vertical maze—plus rooftop gardens and a storm-water reclamation system that earned it LEED certification. San Diego's art-minded

New Children's Museum (619/233-8792; thinkplaycreate.org), built from the ground up, has studio space where kids can decorate a 1973 VW Bug. And in October, Philadelphia's **Please Touch Museum** (215/963-0667; pleasetouchmuseum.org) reopens with triple the space after a move to the Beaux Arts Memorial Hall. Among the additions: a 40-foot replica of the Statue of Liberty's arm and torch—a nod to Philly's hand in building Lady Liberty's pedestal—and a 1924 Dentzel carousel in a pavilion next door. Sure beats Mom's lecture on Impressionism. +



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