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Presents
Susan Linn

Author of *The Case for Make-Believe: Saving Play in a Commercialized World*

Wednesday September 22 at 7:30 PM

- **Why is play so crucial to healthy growth and development?**
- **What impact does technology and commercialism have on children's play?**
- **What can parents and educators do to protect play?**

In an era when toys come from television and media companies sell videos as brain-builders for babies, Dr. Linn will help us understand the inextricable links between play, creativity, and health, and show us how and why to preserve the space for make believe that children need to be happy and to become productive adults.

Susan Linn is an Instructor in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. She has written extensively about the effects of media and commercial marketing on children. Her articles have appeared in the *Boston Globe*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *The Washington Post*. Her commentaries can be heard on NPR's *Marketplace*. Her book, *Consuming Kids: The Hostile Takeover of Childhood* (The New Press) has been praised in publications as diverse as *The Wall Street Journal* and *Mother Jones* and has been published on four continents. Dr. Linn's latest book is *The Case for Make-Believe: Saving Play in a Commercialized World* (The New Press).

Dr. Linn is a co-founder and director of the national coalition Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood. In 2000 she was appointed to the American Psychological Association's Task Force on Advertising to Children. She has been featured on *Sixty Minutes*, *Now with Bill Moyers*, *World News Tonight*, *Dateline*, and in the acclaimed film, *The Corporation*. In 2006 she received the American Psychological Association's Presidential Citation for her work on behalf of children.

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