The project on the next page goes along with the book *Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes* written Eric Litwin and illustrated by James Dean.

We love this series because of Pete’s calm attitude through all his trials and tribulations. We love books with interaction! Next time you read this book, try having your child say “Goodness no!” and sing each song with you.

For our art activity today, we are painting with Pete the Cat’s shoes from the story!

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**MUSEUM CONNECTION**

This project was inspired by this drawing titled Bluebird Cat by costume designer Miles White. White used his exceptional talent to transform the appearance of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus for twelve seasons. White worked to coordinate the entire visual experience of the circus, designing complimentary costumes for each act as well as the opening parade when the circus arrived in town.

This image is part of The Ringling’s Tibbals Circus Collection and is housed in our archives. The The Ringling Archives hold one of the country’s most important collections of circus history, including handbills, art prints, circus papers, business records, heralds, and photographs.
**ACTIVITY**
SHOE PRINT PAINTING

**MATERIALS:**
HEAVY OR CONSTRUCTION PAPER, AN OLD SHOE, PAPER TOWELS, WATER, PAPER PLATES, RED, BLUE, BROWN, AND WHITE PAINT

**DIFFICULTY LEVEL:**
SIMPLE

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**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Set up your paper, shoe, and paper plates with each color.
   
   *Tip: This could get messy! Put down newspaper, plastic, or a tarp to catch excess paint.*

2. Dip the shoe into the red paint on your paper plate, and use it to stamp onto your canvas.

3. After red, dip and stamp your shoe into the blue, brown, and white just like in the story.
   
   *Tip: Wet a paper towel to wipe off the paint between each stamp*

4. Marvel at your amazing shoe prints! Try using different shoes and seeing the different prints they each make!

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**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!**

Click [here](#) to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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