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Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Awards: The Best Toys for Kids 5 & Up

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- The independent consumer organization announces its top picks for the best toys of the year for kids 5 & up. "We found a rich mix of products that include both innovative high tech toys (roaring dinosaurs and night vision goggles) and classics with a twist," notes co-founder Stephanie Oppenheim. "Some of our testers' favorites were toys that made a

parent-child connection whether _____ it was a family game or a construction set to work on together. Co-founder Joanne Oppenheim points out: "While prices are up on average 15% from last year, we still found a wide variety of outstanding products for every budget."

The Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Platinum Awards* for kids 5 & up are: -0- Bitty Twins Multicultural Collection (American Girl) Bulls Eye Baseball (Hasbro) Color Surge (Crayola) Crayola Digital Camcorder (Sakar) Circus Collection (Playmobil) Create Your Own Pop Up Books Kit (Creativity for Kids) Disney Pix Jr. Digital Camera (Disney) Double Shutter (Blue Orange Games) EyeClops Bionic Eye Multizoom (Jakks Pacific) EyeClops Night Vision (Jakks Pacific) 50s Diner (Step 2) FlyTech Butterfly and Moth (WowWee) Fun Fly Stick Magic Levitation Wand (Unitech Toys) Fundomino (Blue Orange Games) Fur Real Friends Biscuit My Lovin' Pup (Hasbro) Go Nuts! (Gamewright) Glow Station (Crayola) Horse Farm Pony Set (Playmobil) Imaginext Spike the Ultra Dinosaur (Fisher-Price) Karito Kids Travel Charmers (KidsGive) Kota My Triceratops Dinosaur (Playskool) Lego City Coast Guard Patrol Boat and Tower (Lego Systems) Lego Creator Stegosaur (Lego Systems) Miss Corolle Collection (Corolle) Musical Waltz Dress (Acting Out) My First RC Dinos (Kid Galaxy) 6 in 1 Town Center Playhouse (Little Tikes) Road and Rail Play Set Railway Station (Plan Toys) Sorry Sliders (Hasbro) Tag Reading System (LeapFrog) Tiki Topple (Gamewright) Tonka Bounce Back Racer (Hasbro) Wooden Dinosaur Animal Set (Cheekeyes)

*Complete reviews can be viewed at www.toyportfolio.com and discussed at toyportfolio.wordpress.com.

About the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio

The independent consumer organization was co-founded in 1989 by child development experts (and mother/daughter team), Joanne and Stephanie Oppenheim. The Oppenheim Toy Portfolio does not take entry fees from toy companies. The Oppenheims are Contributors to NBC's TODAY Show.

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