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Kellie Martin: Actress + Mom + Owner, Romp Online Children's Boutique

Adding Toy Boutique Owner To Her Credits, Actress Kellie Martin Proves That Life Is Just One Big Playdate

ELAINE SAYS: One of my regular sources for toys is the on line modern children's boutique, ROMP. When I realized that Actress Kellie Martin [Life Goes On, ER, Army Wives] was the new owner, i was intrigued and wanted to know more. I love a good reinvention story...or in this case, a great, creative growth story, and Kellie chronicles her sweet path to ROMP below. I'm so

charmed by her decision and about all the dimensions to her new life. In addition to Actress and Toy Store-stress, Kellie is also Mom to her 5-year-old, Maggie, photography obsessed, a culinary enthusiast, nature lover and lucky for us...Blogger as well! This outlet has become a hub for mom-centric info including one of my favorite new discoveries, First Friends Custom Toy Portraitsa portrait artist that makes affordable paintings of your child's favorite stuffed animal or toy. Looks like WoWo and Sunflower will be immortalized this holiday season...thanks, Kellie! PS: WIN-IT-WEDNESDAY TEASER: Kellie is going to be giving away one of my favorite Romp Items and you're going to want it for some special little person in your life. Make sure you're SIGNED UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER AND THAT YOU "LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO QUALIFY! Details in Wednesday's Giveaway Post. Scroll the icons on your way down to the purple box below OR just look to your left!

KELLIE'S LOCAL FAVES: Los Angeles

1 Rising Lotus Yoga



VISIT WEBSITE | LOCATION: RISING LOTUS YOGA 13557 VENTURA BLVD. SHERMAN OAKS

Rising Lotus is a beautiful place to breathe and forget that you live in a busy city. I've been going since my friend Claire Hartley started it in 2006. And, my daughter highly recommends the kids yoga class. It's not as peaceful as the grown-up classes but it does

teach little ones to take a moment to breathe, stretch and meditate. It lays a great foundation for a conscious kid who will be able to deal well with stress and all the other stuff life throws at them.

2 Franklin Canyon Park + Children's Nature Institute



VISIT WEBSITE | LOCATION: FRANKLIN CANYON PARK 2600 FRANKLIN CANYON DRIVE BEVERLY HILLS + VISIT WEBSITE

This is our sanctuary in the city. Franklin Canyon has great trails and a fantastic duck pond, making it the perfect place to take your small child. My daughter and I love to hike around solo or with an Environmental Educator from Children's Nature Institute. They

organize interesting nature walks for kids of all ages. They teach kids to respect nature and help them understand how to preserve it.