

MEDIA ALERT/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

WITNESS RESTORATION WORK ON MSI'S *THE GREAT TRAIN STORY* EXHIBIT *Delicate cleaning and coloration is underway on the iconic model railroad*

WHAT: View restoration work happening on the iconic Museum of Science and Industry model railroad, *The Great Train Story*, on Monday, November 24.

Scenic modelers will be treating the 3,500-square-foot exhibit with airbrushes, paints, powders and pigments to magnify the rich coloration of the landscape that depicts train travel from Chicago to the West Coast. This is part of the finishing touches of a 10-week restoration project that included deep cleaning, repainting, repairing and remounting elements of the popular exhibit.



The Great Train Story opened in 2002 and boasts a massive layout that depicts the railroad's winding journey between Chicago and Seattle, passing through the Midwest, the Plains States, the Rockies, the Cascades, and into the Pacific Northwest. Along the way, more than 20 trains are involved in industries as diverse as grain commodities, raw materials for manufacturing, consumer goods for import and export, lumber, apples, and tourism.

This restoration project, made possible by the Hub Group, includes 250 feet of new tracks, more than 200 hours of deep cleaning work, and hundreds of pounds of new scenic materials.

WHEN: Media is invited to see the restoration work being done on the exhibit and interview MSI spokespeople on **Monday, November 24 from 3-5 p.m.**

WHERE: 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. Media should park in the West Lot and check in with security at the Employee/Contractor entrance.

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