

# what's happening



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## hours and pricing

### HOURS OF OPERATION

Regular Museum of Science and Industry hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Museum will offer extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., on the remaining days in 2010: May 28-Sept. 6; Nov. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28; Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12; Dec. 18-31. The Museum is closed on Dec. 25 (Christmas day).

### FREE DAYS

The Museum offers 52 free days each year. Museum general admission is free on the remaining days in 2010: May 3; June 7-11; Aug. 30; Sept. 7-14; Sept. 20, 21, 27 and 28; Oct. 4-6; Nov. 11 and Dec. 6.

### GENERAL ADMISSION PRICING

\$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$10 for children 3-11. City of Chicago residents receive a

discount as follows: \$13 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$9 for children 3-11. Omnimax® films; the U-505 optional, on-board tour; and certain special exhibitions are not included in general admission. Omnimax films are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for children 3-11. On-board tours of the U-505 are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children. Parking in the Museum's underground garage is \$16.

The Museum is part of the Chicago CityPass program, in which guests can receive admission to five of the city's most famous attractions for one low price. Buy CityPass at the Museum or online at [citypass.com](http://citypass.com).

### BUY ONLINE

The Museum encourages guests to make their MSI visit a breeze by planning ahead. All tickets—general admission, Omnimax and special exhibitions—can now be purchased online at [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org).

## current exhibits and events

### new permanent exhibit

### SCIENCE STORMS

Opened March 18, 2010



Control a 40-foot tornado—a whirling vortex of vapor. See giant bolts of lightning crackling above you. Trigger an avalanche using a 20-foot avalanche disk. Create a tsunami in a 30-foot wave tank. This and much more awaits you in *Science Storms*, an amazing new permanent exhibit that unravels the mysteries of physics and chemistry through recreations of nature's most powerful phenomena—tornados, lightning, fire, tsunamis, sunlight, avalanches and atoms in motion. At 50

different interactive stations, you'll deconstruct large phenomena into smaller experiments and challenges to study the forces that make these phenomena possible. In *Science Storms*, it's your turn to be inspired—to search for the "how" and "why" behind nature.

This exhibit is included in general admission and is brought to you through the generosity of The Allstate Corporation, The Allstate Foundation, and The Grainger Foundation. Additional major funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy.

### SMART HOME: GREEN + WIRED

Through Jan. 9, 2011

The Museum's *Smart Home: Green + Wired* exhibit, a fully-functioning, eco-friendly home on the Museum's grounds, has a new look in 2010, courtesy of *Midwest Living*. The home's interior has been redesigned to reflect the lifestyle of an "empty-nester" couple and features soft, organic textures and colors fused with a contemporary style. On guided tours, you'll see great spaces for entertaining, a master bedroom that serves as a retreat, a playroom/nursery space for a grandchild, and the home office of an interior designer—all of which keep in mind natural elements and harmony with the Earth. The Museum partnered with *WIRED* magazine to incorporate "smart" technologies into the home, and the exhibit also features a "green" garage designed by DIY Network's "Garage Mahal." Highlights of the home's landscape are native plantings, a sustainable vegetable garden and vertical gardens. *Smart Home* is sponsored by ComEd and Dominick's.

PLEASE NOTE: This exhibit is not included in general admission and requires an additional timed-entry ticket. Tour times vary and are subject to change. Tickets, which include Museum general admission, are \$25 for adults, \$24 for seniors and \$15 for children 3-11. City of Chicago residents receive a discount.

## exhibits and events (continued)

### BEYOND: VISIONS OF PLANETARY LANDSCAPES

April 17, 2010 – Aug. 29, 2010



Images from a series of robotic missions during 40 years of space exploration paint a mesmerizing portrait of our solar system's diverse worlds and their moons. This exhibit features 35 large-scale digitally processed images by artist Michael Benson that show how the

geological and atmospheric changes of Earth also take place on neighboring planets: The erupting volcanoes of Sicily are similar to the lava eruptions of Jupiter's Moon, Io; and the stormy clouds of Greenland meet their match in the swirling dust devils of Mars. This exhibit is included in general admission.

*Beyond: Visions of Planetary Landscapes* is organized for travel by the Smithsonian Institution traveling Exhibition Service.

new permanent exhibit

### YOU! THE EXPERIENCE

Opened Oct. 2009



*YOU! The Experience*, which opened in October 2009, is a dramatic and unprecedented 15,000-square-foot exhibit that celebrates the body, mind and spirit. The exhibit showcases the extraordinary workings of our bodies, the choices we make, the environment in which we live, and the role of medical technology with more than 50 fun and fascinating interactive stations

for guests of all ages. Test your physical capability with a few basketball moves with a virtual coach; or play *Mindball*, a game in which you can win by controlling your brainwaves. Examine more than 50 real human embryos and specimens that show the wonder of human development and the body. See your heart beat 13 feet tall with the Museum's amazing new *Giant Heart*. You will see yourself—and your health—in a whole new way.

This exhibit is included in general admission and is made possible through the generosity of Abbott, the Abbott Fund and the Pritzker Foundation. Additional major funding provided by J. Ira and Nicki Harris Family, Mazza Foundation, and Robert S. and Susan E. Morrison.

## now showing at the omnimax<sup>®</sup> theater

### ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI

Through Nov. 4, 2010



Surf's up, Chicago! Witness the raw force of extreme surfing conditions in Tahiti. *Ultimate Wave Tahiti*, narrated by pro surfer Kelly Slater, immerses MSI guests inside the power and speed of the ocean and gives viewers the sensation of riding some of nature's most extreme waves in a visually stimulating experience for all ages.

### HUBBLE

Through Nov. 4, 2010

Travel the depths of the unknown and see outer space from the inside-out through the world's most powerful telescope—currently in orbit—in the Omnimax film *Hubble*. The images detected by Hubble allow scientists to travel through time—unveiling many of the universe's secrets, and the film places viewers in the middle of the May 2009 servicing assignment to complete final repairs and upgrades to the space telescope. Watch as the astronauts make their careful and technical repairs, while floating in space, with



no second chances or room for error. *Hubble*, narrated by actor Leonardo DiCaprio, demonstrates the unique legacy and scientific impact of this inventive telescope as it keeps viewers on the edge of their seats.

### LEGENDS OF FLIGHT

June 18, 2010 – Nov. 4, 2010



Feel the gut-wrenching force upon take-off; soar over the highest peaks and loop and roll above the ocean while learning the history of the first 100 years

of flight. Featuring legendary 20th century aircraft, *Legends of Flight* explores the trial and error experimentation of airplane construction and flight that ultimately influenced the design of a radically new 21st century airplane—the 787 Dreamliner. Witness all the milestones: manufacturing, assembly, testing, first flight and roll out. Surrounded by a five-story, domed, wrap-around theater screen, you'll feel as if you're sitting in the cockpit with pilot Mike Carriker as he challenges the new airliner and tests its limits.

PLEASE NOTE: Omnimax films are not included in Museum general admission and require an additional timed ticket. General admission tickets, with the addition of an Omnimax film ticket, are: \$23 for adults, \$21 for seniors and \$16 for kids 3-11. City of Chicago residents receive a discount.

## special private tours

### THE U-505 BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

Select Sundays 9 – 11:30 a.m.



This private tour of the *U-505 Submarine* takes place on select Sunday mornings before the Museum is open to the public. The tour begins with a continental breakfast and presentation about the capture, acquisition and restoration of the *U-505*. Guests then take a guided tour of the

exhibit and on-board tour of the submarine and may enjoy the rest of the day at the Museum. Remaining tour dates in 2010: April 25; May 30; June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25; Aug. 8 and 22; Sept. 19; Oct. 17; Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. Cost: Adults \$50; seniors, \$48; and children (3-11) \$40. To purchase tickets: (773) 947-3179, or [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org).

### BLUEPRINTS TO OUR PAST TOUR

Select Sundays at 12 and 2 p.m



This tour takes you back in time to the Museum building's origins. Using the building's architecture as the guide, you'll go on a journey that spans more than 100 years, two World's Fairs and more than 400,000 square feet of exhibit space. This tour also includes a virtual simulation of the 1893 Columbian Exposition

and its famed "White City." Remaining tour dates in 2010: April 25; May 30; June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25; Aug. 8 and 22; Sept. 19; Oct. 17; Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. Cost: \$40 per person. To purchase tickets: (773) 947-3179, or [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org).

## exhibits coming soon

### JIM HENSON'S FANTASTIC WORLD

Sept. 24, 2010 – Jan. 23, 2011



Get a rare peek into the imagination of Jim Henson—a brilliant innovator and the creator of Kermit, Big Bird and other beloved characters. This exhibition features 100 original artworks, including drawings, cartoons and storyboards that demonstrate Henson's talent as a story-

teller. The exhibit also documents Henson's process of "visual thinking" through renderings, photographs, documents, puppets and film. View the iconic puppets created by Henson, television and movie props, photographs of Henson and his collaborators at work, as well as original video productions and experimental films from Henson's early career. Guests will also get an opportunity to express their own inventiveness through a series of fun and original hands-on activities. An additional ticket is required.

This exhibition has been organized by The Jim Henson Legacy and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. It is made possible by The Biography Channel with additional support from The Jane Henson Foundation and Cheryl Henson.

## msi and social media

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Have you heard the Museum's podcast? We've interviewed people behind exhibits like *Smart Home* and *Fast Forward* as well as special Museum guests like astronaut John Grunsfeld and Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson. We're just getting started, so be sure check them out at [msichicago.org/podcast](http://msichicago.org/podcast).

twitter

We are also "tweeting" science facts, news and MSI happenings on Twitter. Follow us and see where it leads: [twitter.com/msichicago](http://twitter.com/msichicago).

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