What's New
Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition
(opens Jan. 17)
The nation's longest-running exhibition of African-American art features over 100 works by professional and youth artists.
• Main Level 2, West Pavilion
Black Creativity: Architecture
Learn about Black architects and their influence on our past, present, and future.
• Lower Level 1
The Art of the Brick (opens Feb. 10)
Discover more than one million LEGO® bricks transformed into more than 100 sculptures by artist Nathan Sawaya in the world’s largest display of LEGO art.
• Main Level 2
Live Science Experiences
Discover interactive science moments with our staff and volunteers throughout the Museum. Investigate the conditions needed to form a vortex, learn how the Tesla coil fires and more. Visit the Information Desk to see what’s offered.
• Main Level 2
Wanger Family Fab Lab
Design and make a custom object in our state-of-the-art fabrication laboratory, where you can try 3D printing and other techniques.
• Main Level 2
Apex 10 and up (ages 10-12 only) with Fab Lab-ticketed chaperone age 18+.
• Timed-entry ticket required.
Dissect an Eye at MSI
Dissect a cow eyeball to explore how our own vision works in this hands-on laboratory experience.
• Balcony Level 3, Education Labs
Recommended for ages 8 and up. Chaperones required for ages 16 and under.
• Timed-entry ticket required.
Extreme Ice
Discover the incredible photos and time-lapse videos of James Balog, a photographer whose work illustrates diminishing glaciers.
• Main Level 2
Future Energy Chicago
Collaborate to design the most energy-efficient Chicag in the Simulation Lab. Available Thursday through Sunday.
• Lower Level 1
Recommended for ages 7 up and Timed-entry ticket required.
MSI Classics
Callan Moore’s Fairy Castle
Experience the enchantment of a fairy’s dream home, featuring a collection of miniature treasures.
• Lower Level 1
Coal Mine
Descend a mine shaft, take a ride on a coal train and learn about the evolution of mining technology in this guided tour of the Museum’s first interactive experience.
• Main Level 2
Timed-entry ticket required.
• Not accessible to wheelchairs or strollers.
Science Storms
Investigate the science behind nature’s power as you understand the dynamics of a 40-foot tornado, see an avalanche in motion, and more.
• Main Level 2
Numbers in Nature: A Mirror Maze
Navigate a giant mirror maze and discover the mathematical patterns that abound in the natural world.
• Main Level 2
Free with timed-entry ticket available at exhibit entrance.
Genetics + Baby Chick Hatchery
Learn about DNA, discover what makes us unique and watch as baby chicks peck out of their shells.
• Main Level 2
Yspy! The Experience
See yourself in new and fascinating ways as you examine the connection between mind, body and spirit.
• Balcony Level 3

Going Places
Explore the ways people have traveled the Earth by visiting these transportation-themed exhibits.
Pioneer Zephyr
Explore a new story about one of the fastest trains in the world in a renovated exhibit showcasing its legacy and impact on the future of transportation.
• Entry Hall
U-505 Submarine Exhibit
The world-famous U-505 is the centerpiece of an unforgettable exhibit, Experience the Battle of the Atlantic, the U-505’s dramatic story and more.
• Lower Level 1
U-505 On-board Tour
Located at the end of the exhibit, the optional on-board tour allows you to explore the U-505 from fore to aft, Allen 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tour time to explore the exhibit.
• Lower Level 1
Recommended for ages 7 up and Timed-entry ticket required.
• On-board tour not accessible to wheelchairs or strollers.
Transportation Gallery
Witness how humans have flown, soared, sped and chopped throughout the years with this awe-inspiring collection of planes, trains and automobiles.
• Main Level 2
The Great Train Story
Watch more than 20 trains race on a cross-country journey through realistic terrain and cityscapes.
• Main Level 2
Take Flight
Imagine being a passenger on a 1960s flight, take a behind-the-scenes journey from aircraft assembly to takeoff, and learn what happens to your body when you fly.
• Balcony Level 3
The Art of the Bicycle
Understand the design process as you examine rare historic bicycles alongside new high-tech bikes.
• Main Level 2
Henry Crown Space Center
See the real Apollo 6 spacecraft and Apollo 11 training mock-up and learn about the future of space exploration.
• Lower Level 1
Interactive Flight and Motion Simulators
Climb aboard and try your skills as a pilot or gunner in the flight simulator, or take an exciting virtual trip onboard a six-passenger motion ride experience.
• Balcony Level 3
Tickets required, available at the simulator.
Each rider must weigh less than 254 lbs and be 48” or taller.

Antarctica: Discover the farthest reaches of this wild and majestic continent and the weird and wonderful creatures that thrive there.
Show times: 10:30 a.m., 1:20 p.m., 3:10 p.m.
Dark Universe: Stunning detailed scenes celebrate the pivotal discoveries that led us to greater knowledge of the universe and our frontiers for exploration.
Show times: 9:45 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:25 p.m., 4:20 p.m.*
Ancient Caves: Unlock the secrets of the Earth’s climate by exploring vast underground worlds in search of stalagmite samples.
Show times: 12:30 p.m., 5 p.m.*
OITC is the Giant Dome Theater season sponsor
"On days when the Museum closes at 5:30 p.m.

Must See
We Can Beat the Pandemic. Together.
Explore pandemics of the last 100 years and what we’ve learned to help us fight COVID-19, and discover what and how it takes to create a vaccine that will help end the pandemic.
• Lower Level 1
VR Transporter
Be transported to outer space via VR poppies and exciting motion and 4-D effects.
• Lower Level 1
Henry Crown Space Center
Tickets are required. Recommended for ages 13 and older. Under 13 must be 42” or taller and have guardian consent.
Balcony Drop
Experience energy transformation as we drop objects from our 25-foot-tall balcony.
• Main Level 2
Idea Factory and ToyMaker 3500
are temporarily closed.
AMENITIES

Dining Options
Find a variety of food choices, including urban sandwiches, salads, ice cream, snacks and coffee beverages. Scan the QR code to see what options are available today. Help us maintain our exhibits by eating in designated areas only.

Health and Safety
Masks are required for everyone ages 2 and older regardless of vaccination status. Please follow physical distancing measures. Some exhibits and experiences are closed or modified to reduce contact.

Membership
Didn’t see it? Apply today! Museum Entry costs toward the purchase of a membership and come back FREE all year! Your receipt for today’s admission will serve as a discount, so please visit the Members Lounge or Entry Hall member ticket counter to join MSL today.

Parking
Please pay for parking at pay stations before returning to your vehicle. (Only pay stations in Greens/C and Brown/F sections accept cash.) MSL Members: scan your membership card to enter and exit the garage. Individual and Dual Members: scan your membership card at pay stations to pay your applicable rate before leaving.

Shopping
There’s something for everyone at the Museum’s stores, including online at matches.com/museumstore.

Guest Services
In the Entry Hall provides coat check service for $3, single stroller rentals for $3, double stroller rentals for $5, and free wheelchair rentals. Coat check and stroller rental is both free for members. You must have a driver’s license or picture ID to rent a stroller or wheelchair. An ATM is located here as well. Sorry, no wagons are permitted in the Museum.

First Aid
Please notify any uniformed Museum staff member if you are in need of assistance.

Nursing Station
MSL welcomes nursing mothers, who may nurse their babies in any public space in the Museum. A nursing station is located in the Idea Factory (Lower Level 1).

Restrooms
Restrooms are located throughout the Museum and indicated with icons on the map. All-gender restrooms are located on Lower Level 1 near Farm Tech and near the yellow stairs on Main Level 2 and Balcony Level 1.

Camera Usage
Photos and videos for personal use may be taken. Inside the Museum except for in the Giant Dome Theater and where posted. Tripod photography is not permitted. Photos, videotapes or audiotapes for any other use require advance notice and the express prior written permission of the Museum’s Public Relations Department.

Donate
MSL is a nonprofit organization and nearly one-third of our operating support comes from charitable gifts. Support our work to transform lives through the power of science. Visit matches.com/donate.

Our Vision
To inspire and motivate our children to achieve their full potential in the fields of science, technology, medicine and engineering.

Our Commitment
The Museum of Science and Industry has an unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusion. We value and respect our diverse guests, volunteers, and staff and expect the same from our guests. Use of inappropriate language and/or behavior will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the Museum with no refund.