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CHANCE THE RAPPER TO HELP KICK OFF MSI'S ANNUAL *CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD AND HOLIDAYS OF LIGHT* OPENING ON NOVEMBER 15

WHAT: Chance the Rapper will be on hand to help kickoff the holidays at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) **Thursday, November 15**, officially opening the beloved [*Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light*](#) exhibits. Chance will join David Mosenia in lighting the Museum's historic Rotunda which includes a four-story Grand Tree along with more than 50 surrounding trees and displays that represent cultures and traditions from across the globe.

Guests will also enjoy festive music from Matthew Gallistel Elementary Language Academy's choir, and "snow" falling every 30 minutes inside the Museum's Rotunda. Plus, guests can learn more about the holidays that honor light or enlightenment including Chinese New Year, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Hanukkah, Visakha Puja Day, and St. Lucia Day.

The following evening on Friday, November 16 from 7 – 11 p.m., adults will get an exclusive look at *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* during **MSI After Hours: Naughty or Nice**. Guests 21-and-older are invited to celebrate the start of the holiday season by exploring these festive exhibits; sip on spiked hot chocolate; enjoy live music from Chicago DJ Rae Chardonnay; meet Santa and the folkloric holiday demon, Krampus; and experience more than a dozen additional exhibits after the Museum closes to the public.

MSI's *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* exhibits are included in Museum Entry and will run through January 6, 2019. Tickets for MSI After Hours: Naughty or Nice are \$30 and [are available online](#).

WHEN: **Thursday, November 15, 2018**
Tree lighting ceremony will begin promptly at 10 a.m., media are welcome to arrive at 9:30 a.m.

WHO: Interview opportunities with **only** a Museum spokesperson to speak about *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* will be available until 12 p.m. Chance will **not** be available for interviews.

WHERE: Museum of Science and Industry; 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive
Media should park in the West Lot and check in with security at the employee/contractor entrance.

PHOTOS: msichicago.org/press

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