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**NEW FILM OPENS MEMORIAL DAY IN UPDATED GIANT DOME  
THEATER AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, CHICAGO**

*Guests experience remarkable rainforest journey that led to scientific discovery about life*

**CHICAGO**—Follow the extraordinary expedition of naturalist and explorer Henry Walter Bates in the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago's (MSI) newest film, *Amazon Adventure*. Guests will follow Bates' 11-year journey during the 1800s into the Amazon rainforest, which culminates with an incredible scientific discovery about the development of life on Earth. *Amazon Adventure* opens Memorial Day, May 29, 2017 inside MSI's five-story Giant Dome Theater (formerly Omnimax® Theater) and is the first new film to be presented using the Theater's newly installed laser projection system.

The film follows the inspirational true story of Bates' historic findings on animal mimicry, the astonishing phenomenon where one animal adopts the look of another in order to survive, which provided proof to Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection. Filmed on location in the lush Amazon region, *Amazon Adventure* immerses guests into a wild world of breathtaking beauty and captivating animal behavior.

"Walking in the footsteps of Henry Walter Bates, audiences get to follow the clues and see one of the most important discoveries about life unfold before them scene by scene," said Executive Producer Sean B. Carroll. "Through Bates' eyes, we see some of the first and best evidence of how and why species evolve. We hope this film, in tracing his adventures in the Amazon, shows where curiosity and perseverance can lead and inspires younger and older viewers alike."

Painstakingly researched for three years, *Amazon Adventure* enlisted the expertise of more than 100 scientists and historical advisors. The team's commitment to authenticity not only resulted in this rigorous re-creation, even using actual instruments and tools from the 1850s, but the writing team also incorporated many of Bates' own words, as he was a gifted storyteller. The film was granted unprecedented access by the Natural History Museum of London to film Bates' own scientific field notebooks and botanical drawings, and to film the butterflies he personally collected over 160 years ago.

*Amazon Adventure* will show daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. on dates with extended hours in the Giant Dome Theater at MSI beginning May 29 through the spring of 2018.

*Amazon Adventure* is not included in Museum Entry and requires an additional timed-entry ticket. Tickets for films are available in Explorer ticket packages. For more information on *Amazon Adventure* and SK Films, visit [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org) and [www.skfilms.ca](http://www.skfilms.ca).

**The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI)**, one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Center for the Advancement of Science Education (CASE), the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. Come visit and find your

inspiration! MSI is open 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas day. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., are offered during peak periods. The Museum is grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org) or call (773) 684-1414.

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