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MSI COMMEMORATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST LUNAR LANDING INSIDE CHICAGO'S ONLY FIVE-STORY DOMED THEATER

CHICAGO (May 24, 2019) – Experience one of humanity's greatest achievements at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), beginning Friday, May 24 when *Apollo 11: First Steps Edition* opens at MSI's Giant Dome Theater, the only five-story theater in Chicago. *Apollo 11: First Steps Edition* is created from footage that explores the perspectives of the astronauts, the team in Mission Control, and the millions of spectators on the ground, days and hours before the launch in 1969. MSI will present First Steps Addition in celebration of the upcoming 50th anniversary of NASA's Apollo 11 mission – the first to put humans on the Moon.

Produced by Statement Pictures in partnership with CNN Films, and distributed by MacGillivray Freeman Films, *Apollo 11: First Steps Edition* puts audiences at the center of NASA's historic lunar landing. Watch footage crafted from a newly-discovered 70mm footage containing stunning shots of the launch, the inside of Mission Control, and recovery and post-mission activities on the Giant Dome Theater's state-of-the-art laser projection system. Hear more than 11,000 hours of uncatalogued audio recordings from every moment of the mission including recordings from 60 key mission personnel, including Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

The *Apollo 11: First Step Edition* film is presented daily at 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. through February 27, 2020. The Giant Dome Theater is not included in Museum Entry and requires an additional timed-entry ticket. Tickets for films are available in Explorer ticket packages.

After seeing the film, discover decades of technology that took us to the Moon inside the *Henry Crown Space Center*. Control a camera to get a look inside the lunar module used for Apollo 11 training, and then get close to the real Apollo 8 module, the first manned spacecraft to orbit the Moon and return. The Space Center also showcases the Aurora 7 capsule flown by Scott Carpenter as part of the Project Mercury space program, the first manned space program of the United States.

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 Welcome to Science Initiative, 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 or call (773) 684-1414.