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**SPLASH INTO A NEW UNDERWATER ADVENTURE**  
***Humpback Whales* opens at MSI's Omnimax® Theater May 21, 2015**

**CHICAGO (May 21, 2015)**—Guests will splash into a new giant-screen adventure when *Humpback Whales* arrives at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago's five-story, domed, wrap-around Omnimax® Theater on May 21, 2015.

Narrated by two-time Golden Globe nominee Ewan McGregor and presented by Pacific Life, *Humpback Whales* is an immersive ocean adventure that invites audiences to dive head-first into the mysterious realm of these 55-foot, 50-ton aquatic mammals. The film, great for families and guests of all ages, tells a compelling wildlife story of how humpbacks were brought back from the brink of destruction to set off a new wave of scientific discovery and human fascination with their one-of-a-kind, gargantuan beauty.

In a musical mix of stunning 3D imagery, underwater splendor and scientific exploration, the film asks the compelling question: What would life be like from a humpback's point of view? Once feared as monsters, and very nearly hunted to extinction, today humpbacks are in the midst of a slow but remarkable recovery.

Follow a brilliant team of scientists and rescuers as they venture into the hidden world of humpback whales. Set in the spectacular waters of Alaska, Hawaii and the remote islands of Tonga, this ocean adventure offers audiences an up-close look at how these whales communicate, sing, feed, play and take care of their young. Guests will learn why humpbacks are the most acrobatic of all whales, why they sing their haunting songs, and why these intelligent animals migrate up to 10,000 miles round-trip every year.

Under the helm of two-time Academy Award®-nominated director Greg MacGillivray (*The Living Sea*, *Dolphins*, *Everest*), MacGillivray Freeman Films brings their legendary giant-screen storytelling to one of the most enormous and vastly fascinating creatures on earth. *Humpback Whales* is the third film to come out under MacGillivray Freeman's One World One Ocean series, following *To The Arctic* and *Journey to the South Pacific*.

*Humpback Whales*, a 40-minute film, will show daily at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Omnimax® Theater at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago beginning May 21, 2015. *Humpback Whales* is not included in Museum Entry and requires an additional timed-entry ticket. Tickets for Omnimax® films are available in Explorer ticket packages.

For more information on the *Humpback Whales* film and MacGillivray Freeman Films, visit [www.humpbackwhalesfilm.com](http://www.humpbackwhalesfilm.com).

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where fun and learning mix. Through its Center for the Advancement of Science Education (CASE), MSI offers a variety of student, teacher and family programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to the Museum'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 9:30–4 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas day. Extended hours, until 5:30 p.m., are offered during peak periods. The Museum is supported in part through the generosity of the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, find MSI online at [msichicago.org](http://msichicago.org) or call (773) 684-1414 or (800) GO-TO-MSI outside of the Chicago area.