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NEW FILM IN THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY'S GIANT DOME THEATER TAKES GUESTS ON JOURNEY THROUGH EARTH'S HISTORY

CHICAGO, III. (May 25, 2018)—Journey through the history of an incredible planet created by violent collisions in space—Earth. Starting May 25, *The Story of Earth* will guide guests at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) on an adventure exploring our planet's rich history inside the Museum's Giant Dome Theater, the only five-story domed theater in Chicago.

The film, narrated by actress Rachel Ward, highlights the work of geologists traveling the globe to piece together clues of Earth's history. Audiences will join this research team as they explore Australia and Iceland to gather evidence on the extraordinary chain of events that made life not only possible, but sustainable.

The Story of Earth, produced by December Media, uses simulations based on scientific data to create visually stunning recreations of Earth from billions of years ago, including revealing the convection of Earth's inner mantle. Guests are fully immersed as they witness how, over billions of years, Earth transformed from an inhabitable ball of molten rock into a paradise covered with oceans of water.

The Story of Earth will show inside MSI's Giant Dome Theater through spring of 2019. It will be shown daily at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. (also 4 p.m. on extended hour days). This film is not included in Museum Entry and requires an additional timed-entry ticket. For more information on *The Story of Earth*, visit www.msichicago.org/giantdometheater.

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 ground breaking 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 9:30–4 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.

About December Media

December Media (formerly December Films) is one of Australia's most experienced producers of live action and documentary television. Based in Melbourne, December Media is known for its quality drama, documentaries and series made for Australian and international markets. With more than 20 years of experience in documentary, education, award-winning live action and

animated children's television, December Media brings a wealth of development, financing, production and co-production experience as well as having extensive network, distribution and financing relationships across the globe.