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**AUDIENCES EXPLORE ORIGIN AND EVOLUTION OF TORNADOS INSIDE  
CHICAGO'S ONLY FIVE-STORY DOMED THEATER**

**CHICAGO, Ill. (May 25, 2018)**—Take a giant-screen adventure with the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago's (MSI) latest film, *Tornado Alley*. Audiences will embark on an epic chase through the "severe weather capital of the world" to witness how tornados form, and the destruction they can leave behind. *Tornado Alley* is one of the latest films to be shown inside MSI's Giant Dome Theater, the only five-story domed theater in Chicago.

Narrated by Bill Paxton ("Twister," and "Titanic"), *Tornado Alley* follows Discovery Channel's "Storm Chasers" star Sean Casey and the scientists of VORTEX2 as they encounter one of Earth's most awe-inspiring events—the creation of a tornado. Whirling above the human drama are the storms themselves, magnificent forces of nature revealed in breathtaking detail through the giant screen.

The teams pursue tornadoes in "Tornado Alley," a region in the center of the United States that is home to Earth's most violent and destructive tornados. As Casey's team seeks to capture groundbreaking footage of a tornado from point-blank range, the VORTEX2 team strives to understand the origin and structure of tornados. The researchers hope to use their findings to improve the ability to predict when and where tornadoes will strike, ensuring greater safety to those in harm's way.

*Tornado Alley* is presented daily at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on dates with extended hours in the Giant Dome Theater through Labor Day, September 3. *Tornado Alley* 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, be blown away by a 40-foot tornado inside *Science Storms*. This vortex of swirling, illuminated vapor can be manipulated using a control panel, allowing guests to experiment with the vortex's air flow. *Science Storms* uses natural phenomena, including tornados, avalanches, fire, and more to explore basic chemistry and physics principles in a dynamic, hands-on way.

**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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