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WORLD'S LARGEST DISPLAY OF LEGO® ART HEADLINES A YEAR OF FUN EXPERIENCES AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, CHICAGO
Black Creativity, Boo Fest and Christmas Around the World also on tap in 2022

CHICAGO (December 28, 2021) – *The Art of the Brick*, a captivating exhibition featuring intriguing works of art made exclusively from one of the most recognizable toys in the world, the LEGO® brick, comes to the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) in February 2022.

The critically acclaimed collection of creative and inspiring pieces constructed using only LEGO bricks is created by renowned contemporary artist Nathan Sawaya. The blockbuster exhibit kicks off a slate of experiences coming to the Museum next year.

In addition, MSI will be open again on Mondays. New visitor amenities include upgraded dining options throughout the building. Museum Kitchen opens in March, offering multiple food stations preparing locally sourced healthy options using live-fire, display-kitchen-style cooking and kids' meals approved by the Partnership for a Healthier America.

Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition

January 17 – April 17, 2022

The longest-running exhibit of African-American art in the nation—hosted at MSI since 1970—showcases nearly 200 works by professional and student artists. The annual Black Creativity program also features an Innovator Gallery of African-American leaders who are transforming Chicago; educational workshops for students; family events; and the Black Creativity Gala. A special exhibit, *Black Creativity: Architecture*, explores the impact of Black architects throughout history, from ancient buildings to modern skyscrapers.

The Art of the Brick

February 10 – September 5, 2022

Designed to inspire ingenuity and creativity, *The Art of the Brick* is the world's largest and most elaborate display of LEGO art featuring more than 100 works. The exhibit features original pieces as well as re-imagined versions of some of the world's most famous art masterpieces made exclusively from LEGO bricks like Van Gogh's "Starry Night" and Da Vinci's "Mona Lisa."

Guests can get up-close and in-person with the fan favorite, Yellow, a life-size sculpture of a man ripping his chest open with thousands of yellow LEGO bricks cascading from

the cavity. In addition, guests can walk under a 20-foot-long T-Rex dinosaur skeleton made out of bricks and come face-to-face with its giant LEGO skull.

Coal Mine and U-505 Submarine tours

Beginning in February

Two guest favorites reopen to the public after pandemic-related closures. The *Coal Mine* takes guests down a mineshaft, along the rails and through a true-to-life coal mine with an engaging tour of mining history and innovations. The U-505 On-board Tour is an interactive walk through history, from the cramped quarters to the feel of battle.

Boo Fest

October

Our family-friendly science experiences will get you into the Halloween spirit. Explore specially decorated exhibits, examine the science of Halloween with pumpkin drops and slime, try your hand at eyeball dissection and more.

Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light

November 17, 2022 – January 2, 2023

The beloved holiday tradition returns for its 80th year celebrating the rich customs of countries and cultures from across the globe. *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* dazzles with a 45-foot Grand Tree surrounded by a forest of over 50 trees and displays decorated by volunteers from Chicago's diverse communities. Established in 1942, *Christmas Around the World* began with a single tree to show solidarity with fellow Allied nations during World War II.

Press images

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About MSI

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 educational 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. The Museum is exceptionally 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.

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