

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY'S NEW HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ALLOWS GUESTS TO BECOME WEARABLE-TECH CREATORS

Makers United is a new experience where guests leave with their own wearable

CHICAGO (March 21, 2019)—On Thursday, March 21, the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) opens Makers United, the Museum's newest hands-on experience. This workshop will allow guests to build their own piece of wearable technology while rekindling their interest in all forms of making.

In Makers United, guests get hands-on with circuit building and fabricated materials to make their own wearable product and connect with the maker experience. Guests will learn about the ever-growing maker movement, a culture that encourages curiosity, creative thinking and hands-on building. "We hope that the experience that guests have in Makers United is just the beginning," said Manny Juarez, director of science and integrated strategies, MSI. "We want people to get home and keep tinkering on what they built so they can understand their own potential to impact the future of wearable technology."

Makers United, sponsored by ArcelorMittal, opens in conjunction with *Wired to Wear*™, the first-ever exhibit dedicated to the future of wearable technology. Guests can explore and interact with the latest technologies that are increasingly being woven into our clothing, modifying and enhancing our bodies like never before.

"As the world's leading steel and mining company, we are investing in STEM education to ensure we thrive in the newest industrial revolution. It is critical that our workforce of tomorrow is prepared to use technology to create value for our business and customers," said Bill Steers, general manager of communications and corporate responsibility for exhibit sponsor, ArcelorMittal. "We believe that the hands-on experience offered at Makers United will spark curiosity in visitors, contributing to a culture of innovation for today and into the future."

Makers United opens March 21 and runs through January 5, 2020. It is not included with Museum Entry and requires a timed-entry ticket. Tickets cost \$12 for adults and seniors, and \$9 for children ages 3-11.

Ideation and making don't stop when guests leave Makers United. The Wanger Family Fab Lab, a permanent experience at MSI, was recently expanded to provide guests even more opportunities to become an innovator. Digitally sculpt your own 3D object and then make it using our 3D printers, build a working rainbow light circuit, and more! For the most up-to-date Fab Lab schedule, visit msichicago.org/fabit.

Makers United is sponsored by ArcelorMittal. Wired to Wear is presented by BMO.

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, engineering and medicine. 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.