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“BIG” THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY THIS SPRING BREAK WITH MILESTONE EXHIBIT ANNIVERSARY, UPDATED THEATER
Science Storms celebrates its 10th anniversary, and Giant Dome Theater reopens with new films

CHICAGO (March 9, 2020)—It’s “awe” under one roof this spring break at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI). This March, MSI’s iconic *Science Storms* exhibit celebrates its 10 year anniversary, and guests can sit back and enjoy four new films inside the renovated Giant Dome Theater. Whether you’re planning a stay-cation, or taking a trip to create an unforgettable memory inside a Chicago classic, MSI has it all.

Science Storms

Join the millions of guests that have controlled a 4-story indoor tornado, a 20-foot avalanche disk, and witnessed 1.2 million-volts of lighting spark above their heads. One of MSI’s biggest experiences is *Science Storms*, a 26,000-square-foot exhibit that has been a must-see for MSI guests and field trip groups since its opening in March of 2010. This permanent exhibit, sponsored by Allstate, has become one of the most photographed and recognizable exhibitions in Chicago.

“We believe it’s vital to champion visionary work, like *Science Storms*, especially in Allstate’s hometown of Chicago,” said Kate Nack, director of The Allstate Foundation and Social Innovation. “We’ve been honored to be a part of this innovative exhibit for the past decade.”

Science Storms reveals the chemistry and physics behind amazing natural phenomena. It was awarded the American Alliance of Museums’ highest exhibit honor in 2011, further solidifying its place as a revolutionary experience and Museum feat. *Science Storms* is included with Museum Entry. For more information and to view a time-lapse video of its construction, please visit <https://youtu.be/GdrANqgnoHs>.

Giant Dome Theater

MSI’s Giant Dome Theater reopens March 21 after a three-month renovation from the top of our five-story, domed wraparound screen right down to the carpeting and seats. Guests will experience a premium theater experience to match our already state-of-the-art laser projection system. With the theater’s reopening, guests can also watch four new films that explore topics of nature, and the amazing superpowers of humankind’s best friend:

- **Superpower Dogs**: Journey around the globe to meet remarkable dogs and their human partners who fight crime, protect endangered species and save lives in avalanches and earthquakes. In this inspiring true story narrated by Chris Evans, we discover the extraordinary abilities of dogs and the science behind their superpowers.
- **Volcanoes**: For billions of years, volcanoes have helped forge the world we know. From the continents to the air we breathe and even life itself, all have been shaped by volcanic energy. Follow explorer Carsten Peter as he dodges boulders at the edge of an active volcano in Indonesia, descend to a lava lake in Vanuatu, and visit incredible acid ponds, geysers and mineral deposit fields in Ethiopia.

- [**Ancient Caves**](#): Follow paleoclimatologist Dr. Gina Moseley on a mission to unlock the secrets of the Earth's climate in the most unlikely of places: caves. Moseley and her team of cave explorers travel the world exploring vast underground worlds in search of stalagmite samples—geologic “fingerprints”—that reveal clues about the planet's climate history.
- [**Canada's Great Bear Rainforest**](#): Discover one of the rarest animals on Earth—the all-white Spirit Bear—and its ancient forest home. Hidden from the outside world, the Great Bear Rainforest is one of the planet's most exquisite and secluded wildernesses. Found on Canada's rugged Pacific coast, it's the largest temperate coastal rainforest in the world and home to indigenous First Nations peoples, who have provided stewardship of the forest for millennia.

Giant Dome Theater films are not included in Museum Entry, and require an additional timed-entry ticket. More information and tickets are now available online at www.msichicago.org/films.

Giant Dome Theater supported by the Dover Foundation.

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.