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The Mississippi Children's Museum Hosts STEAM & Transportation Day During *Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit*

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Jackson, Miss. (July 12, 2022) – The Mississippi Children's Museum hosts STEAM and Transportation Day during *Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit*, an exhibit based on The Jim Henson Company's popular PBS KIDS TV series.

Join us Saturday, July 16th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a day where children can explore STEAM and Transportation during our Dinosaur Train summer exhibit. Exhibitors will include MDOT, MEMA, and more for an educational day of hands-on learning. Activities will include:

- Pteranodon Gliders
- Locomotion: Electric Train Experiment
- Dino Dash using Dash robots
- Walk like a Dinosaur game
- 3D Printing: Explore Gears

***Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit* and STEAM and Transportation Day activities are included with \$10 museum admission and free with MCM membership. Learn more and purchase tickets at www.mschildrensmuseum.org.**

Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit features a curious Tyrannosaurus Rex named Buddy who travels the world to discover everything there is to know about dinosaurs. This new exhibit will transport kids back to the time of dinosaurs and encourage basic scientific learning through fun, hands-on activities. Created by The Magic House in collaboration with The Jim Henson Company, this traveling exhibit will be at MCM-Jackson from May 14-September 4.

Broadcast locally on Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB), *Dinosaur Train* embraces and celebrates the fascination that kids have with both dinosaurs and trains, while encouraging basic scientific thinking skills. Children will be able to join Buddy and his adoptive Pteranodon family on a whimsical journey to unearth basic concepts in life science, natural history, and paleontology. MPB will be on-site every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. this summer to provide educational programming for visitors.

About The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences for children and families and encourages experimentation, creativity, and the development of problem-solving skills within a place of beauty,

wonder, joy and magic. Regular Museum admission is \$11 per person. Children under the age of one are free.

The Magic House is located at 516 S. Kirkwood Road, one mile north of Highway 44 in historic downtown Kirkwood, Missouri. Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; Friday, 9:30 am to 9:00 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. Parking is always free at The Magic House. For more information, please call 314.822.8900 or visit The Magic House online at www.magichouse.org.

About the Monsanto Fund

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.

About The Jim Henson Company

The Jim Henson Company has remained an established leader in family entertainment for over 60 years and is recognized worldwide as an innovator in puppetry, animatronics and digital animation. Best known as creators of the world-famous Muppets, Henson has received over 50 Emmy Awards and nine Grammy Awards. Recent credits include Julie's Greenroom (Netflix), Dot. (Sprout/Hulu), Splash and Bubbles (PBS), Word Party (Netflix), Doozers (Hulu/Sprout) and the Emmy®-nominated Sid the Science Kid (PBS), Dinosaur Train (PBS), and Pajanimals (Sprout). Television productions include Fraggle Rock, The Storyteller and the sci-fi cult series Farascape. Features include Disney's Alexander the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, as well as The Dark Crystal, Labyrinth, MirrorMask, and Jim Henson's Turkey Hallow.

With additional locations in New York and London, The Jim Henson Company is headquartered in Los Angeles on the historic Charlie Chaplin lot, complete with soundstage and postproduction facilities. The Company is home to Jim Henson's Creature Shop™, a pre-eminent character-building and visual effects group with international film, television, theme park and advertising clients, as well as Henson Recording Studios, one of the music industry's top recording facilities known for its world-class blend of state-of-the-art and vintage equipment. The Company's Henson Alternative brand is currently touring Puppet-Up! – Uncensored, a live puppet improvisational show. www.henson.com, www.facebook.com/hensoncompany, www.twitter.com/hensoncompany

About the Mississippi Children's Museum

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs, and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. In response to community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCM shifted operating and programming priorities to best serve Mississippi's children and combat learning loss through facilitating virtual schooling and creating online educational enrichment – services that continue today through a robust, daily afterschool program and an online platform for teacher professional development.

In 2021, MCM celebrated a monumental year by receiving an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the nation's highest honor for museums, and through opening its first satellite museum, MCM-Meridian, which received the 2021 Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year.

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