

EXPLORE THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF SPACE TRAVEL IN OMSI'S NEW EXHIBIT— *SPACE: A JOURNEY TO OUR FUTURE*

PORTLAND, Ore. (Jan. 8, 2009) The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) will offer space exploration enthusiasts the opportunity to touch a piece of Mars, see a real Moon rock up close, take a spin on a space bike, or tour a full-scale future lunar habitat and more in the new exhibit *Space: A Journey to Our Future*, opening January 30, 2010. *Space: A Journey to Our Future* examines the history of our space program, brings to life current projects in space exploration – satellites, space telescopes, living in space – and provides a glimpse of future human space travel through highly advanced interactive displays. *Space: A Journey to Our Future* is one of the largest touring exhibitions ever produced on space exploration. The exhibit comes to OMSI through the generous support of local presenting sponsor Lufthansa and local supporting sponsors Chevron and Mentor Graphics.

"With the International Space Station, Mars rovers, and the LCROSS Moon mission, it is truly a golden age for space exploration," said OMSI planetarium manager Jim Todd. "This exhibit will help people appreciate how far space exploration has come and hopefully will inspire future generations to go further and uncover more mysteries of the cosmos."

"Lufthansa is delighted to support this exhibit and welcome visitors onboard for a truly extraordinary journey through space and time," said Mark Lagler, Lufthansa District Sales Manager, Pacific Northwest.

Exhibit highlights include:

Space Exploration Artifacts - Visitors will see a wide range of artifacts from the past and present space program including space suits, a lunar rover tire, a camera from the Apollo program, early fuel cells and shuttle tiles.

Today's Space Program - This interactive area examines the International Space Station, deep space probes, next-generation telescopes, living in space and space tourism, and NASA studies in robonauts.

Constellation Program - Visitors will get an up-close look at the Orion, the new spacecraft that will take human explorers back to the Moon, and the Ares rocket which will propel the new spacecraft.

Lunar Base Camp - Would-be explorers can literally step into the future and interact aboard a re-created future base camp on the lunar surface.

Create Your Own Mission to Mars- Through hands-on interactive displays and modules, visitors can design their own trip to Mars, from the design of the spacecraft to living quarters to supplies needed, and ultimately find out how successful their trip would likely be.

360-degree "Future Theatre" - In an immersive media experience, visitors will look far into the future of exploration and deep into space, pondering mysteries to be revealed and questions to be answered.

Representatives from NASA, NSTA, and national partner General Motors, along with leading science centers across the country, served on an educational committee for the exhibit to ensure accuracy and relevance in the exhibit's educational message.

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About OMSI

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation's leading science museums, a world-class tourist attraction, and an award-winning educational resource for the kid in each of us. OMSI is located at 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland, OR 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit www.oms.edu.

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