

MORE THAN 500,000 LEGOS® USED TO CONSTRUCT 20 ICONIC SKYSCRAPERS IN PEROT MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE'S *TOWERS OF TOMORROW* EXHIBITION OPENING SEPT. 24

The eye-popping exhibition, presented locally by Highland Capital Philanthropies, features LEGO re-creations of architectural wonders including Burj Khalifa (the world's tallest building), the Empire State Building and many more; plus kids and adults can create their own towers using more than 200,000 bricks

DALLAS (Sept. 14, 2021) – The Perot Museum of Nature and Science's newest exhibition –*Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks* – will feature 20 iconic skyscrapers from across the globe constructed over 2,000 hours with more than half a million LEGO® bricks. From the world's tallest building to the Empire State Building, the architectural wonders are constructed by Ryan McNaught, one of only 21 LEGO certified professionals in the world. All ages can get creative as they build upon a growing LEGO installation using thousands of the popular colored bricks. Presented locally by Highland Capital Philanthropies, *Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks* makes its Texas debut Friday, Sept. 24, and runs through April 24, 2022.

"In our commitment to inspire minds through nature and science, the Perot Museum strives to bring in engaging exhibitions that spark those 'ah-ha' moments," said Dr. Linda Silver, Eugene McDermott Chief Executive Officer of the Perot Museum. "*Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks* is a hands-on experience for all ages and a fun way to cultivate that crucial interest in STEM."

Among the towers on view will be the Barangaroo Hotel Crown Resort in Sydney; Burj Khalifa in Dubai; Bank of America Plaza in Atlanta; 111 West 57th Street, Central Park Tower Building, Chrysler Building and Empire State Building in New York City; CN Tower in Toronto; Eureka Tower in Melbourne; Infinity Tower in Brisbane; International Commerce Tower in Hong Kong; Marina Bay Sands in Singapore; N Seoul Tower in Seoul, Korea; Petronas Towers in Malaysia; Q1 in Queensland; Shanghai Tower in Shanghai; Taipei 101 in Taiwan; Tokyo Skytree in Tokyo; Willis (Sears) Tower in Chicago; and Wilshire Grand Centre in Los Angeles.

"Highland Capital Philanthropies believes children learn best when they are having fun, which is why we are proud to support the Perot Museum's effort to ignite STEM learning in our youth through this new exhibition, which showcases iconic skyscrapers from around the world – all constructed with LEGO® bricks," said Lucy Bannon, Highland Capital Philanthropies communications director. "We're especially excited about the hands-on experiences offered as part of the exhibition, which give guests the opportunity to construct their own buildings and in turn gain a deeper understanding of the ingenuity of these engineering feats."

After interacting with the intricate structures, guests are encouraged to head to the construction areas, which are equipped with more than 200,000 LEGO bricks, to create their own 'tower of tomorrow.' All ages can channel their inner engineer by adding their creations to a steadily rising futuristic LEGO masterpiece displayed within the exhibition.

Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks is a travelling exhibition from Sydney Living Museums and toured internationally by Flying Fish.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS. For the safety of guests, all visitors ages 2 and older are required to wear a face covering. All interactive exhibits will be disinfected regularly, and hand sanitizer stations are available. Guests should not visit the Museum if sick. Social distancing of at least 6 feet (or the average length of one

velociraptor) is encouraged.

UPDATED HOURS. The Museum is open daily (except Tuesdays). Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. During Thanksgiving week, Winter Break and Spring Break, the Museum will be open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. **Member-only mornings provide exclusive access** from 9-10 a.m. every Saturday and 10-11 a.m. every Sunday.

TICKETS. Museum general admission is \$20 for adults (13-64), \$13 for youth (2-12) and \$18 for seniors (65+). Museum general admission is free for members. Children under 2 are always free. *Towers of Tomorrow* requires an additional ticket of \$8 for adults (13-64) and seniors (65+), \$6 for youth (2-12) and free for children under 2. Member tickets for *Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO® Bricks* are \$5 for all age levels. *Tickets are timed entry and available on a first-come, first-served basis. To avoid sellouts, visitors are strongly encouraged to purchase advanced tickets at perotmuseum.org. Prices are subject to change.*

The Perot Museum is located at 2201 N. Field Street in Dallas, Texas. For parking information and other details, visit <u>perotmuseum.org</u> or call 214-428-5555.

NOTE: To obtain the news release, Perot Museum fact sheet, photos and more, please go to <u>perotmuseum.org/press</u>.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. A top cultural attraction in Dallas/Fort Worth and a Michelin Green Guide three-star destination, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational organization located in the heart of Dallas, Texas. With a mission to inspire minds through nature and science, the Perot Museum delivers exciting, engaging and innovative visitor and outreach experiences through its education, exhibition, and research and collections programming for children, students, teachers, families and life-long learners. A trusted science resource for all of North Texas, the Museum is committed to preparing the next generation of STEM workers by supporting K-12 schools and educators through highly accessible programs. The 180,000-square-foot facility in Victory Park opened in December 2012 and is now recognized as the symbolic gateway to the Dallas Arts District. Future scientists, mathematicians and engineers will find inspiration and enlightenment through 11 permanent exhibit halls on five floors of public space; a children's museum; a flexible-space, traveling exhibition hall; and a theater. Designed by 2005 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Thom Mayne and his firm Morphosis Architects, the Victory Park museum has been lauded for its artistry and sustainability. To learn more, please visit <u>perotmuseum.org</u>.

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