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Museum of Nature and Science

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GENERAL FACT SHEET
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The $185 million **Perot Museum of Nature and Science**, designed by **2005 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Thom Mayne** and **Morphosis Architects**, opened December 1, 2012, in Dallas, Texas. General admission and film tickets are on sale at perotmuseum.org.

NAME:	In May 2008, the five adult Perot children made a $50 million gift to the Museum in honor of their parents, Margot and Ross Perot, resulting in the Victory Park facility being named the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. The Perot children are Ross Perot, Jr.; Nancy Perot; Suzanne McGee; Carolyn Rathjen; and Katherine Perot Reeves.
THEME:	Because the Museum's mission is to "inspire minds through nature and science," the Perot Museum fully embraces the natural world and the manmade world, focusing on earth and space sciences, life and natural sciences, chemistry, physical sciences and engineering.
LOCATION:	Recognized as the symbolic gateway to the Dallas Arts District, the Museum is located on a 4.7-acre site at 2201 N. Field St., Dallas, TX 75201 (northwest corner of N. Field Street and Woodall Rodgers Freeway, north of downtown Dallas and adjacent to Victory Park).
ARCHITECTS:	The architect is Thom Mayne, 2005 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate, and his California-based firm Morphosis Architects. Mayne is the first American since 1991 and only one of eight Americans to be selected for architecture's most prestigious award. The landscape architect is Dallas-based Talley Associates.
EXHIBIT DESIGNERS:	Amaze Design Paul Bernhard Exhibit Design Science Museum of Minnesota
PROJECT TEAM:	Consulting architect — Good Fulton & Farrell General contractor — Balfour Beatty Construction Development manager — Hillwood Development Corp.
SIZE:	The 180,000-square-foot Museum stands approximately 170 feet high, which is equivalent to approximately 14 stories.
PROJECT COST:	$185 million, which provided for the site acquisition, exhibition planning and design, construction of the new building, education programs and an endowment.

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MUSEUM LEADERSHIP:

Eugene McDermott CEO: Linda Silver, Ed.D
Chief experience officer: Mary Baerg
Chief financial officer: Anne Woods
Chief curator and vice president of research and collections: Anthony Fiorillo, Ph.D.
Chief operating officer: David Humphries
Chief innovation officer: Dan Kohl
Chair, board of directors: Mac McFarland

BUILDING AND SITE DESCRIPTION:

- The design features an overall building mass conceived as a large cube floating over a landscaped plinth (base).
- The landscape consists of an acre of rolling roofscape (covering the plinth) comprised of rock shards and native drought-resistant grasses reflecting Texas's indigenous landscape and demonstrates a living system that will evolve naturally over time.
- A significant feature is the glass-enclosed escalator (dubbed *T. rex*calator for the *T. rex* greeting guests at the top) that dramatically extends outside the building.
- A large plaza bordering a 1-acre *Urban Forest* is available for gatherings and public events. It includes café tables, seating, free public Wi-Fi and the *Nicole G. Small Science Park* with outdoor interactives such as musical instruments and a cascading stream.
- A full-height glass atrium, facing downtown Dallas and the Arts District, floods the space with natural light and creates a dynamic circulation experience that includes escalators, glass elevators and stairs.
- The building itself is used as a teaching tool that provides "living" examples of engineering, sustainability and technology at work.

MUSEUM FEATURES:

- 11 permanent exhibit halls including the *Moody Family Children's Museum*
- Expansive glass-enclosed lobby and adjacent rooftop deck
- Outdoor plaza, musical forest and playscape
- State-of-the-art traveling exhibition gallery designed to host world-class exhibitions
- Education wing equipped with six Learning Labs
- 297-seat multi-media cinema, *The Hoglund Foundation Theater,* boasting state-of-the-art 4K digital projection, the most widely used technology for watching 3D films in theaters
- Flexible-space auditorium
- Public Café and event catering managed by Wolfgang Puck
- Museum Shop operated by Event Network, the premier museum store operator in the country

AWARDS:

- **Michelin Green Guide** Three-Star Destination
- **LEED Gold** certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (2016)
- **Best of Big D:** Reader's Choice "Best Museum" (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- **American Institute of Architects:** Institute Honor Award, Community Honors Award
- Only **Green Globes®** certified museum in the United States (2013)
- **Trip Expert** Experts' Choice Award
- **Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities** Accessibility Award

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EXHIBIT HALLS:

LOWER LEVEL:
Moody Family Children's Museum
Auditorium
Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones Exhibition Hall
Lamar Hunt Family Sports Hall
Education wing with six Learning Labs

LEVEL 1 (PLINTH LEVEL):
Nicole G. Small Science Park, plaza, and main Museum entrance
The Hoglund Foundation Theater
Café
Museum Shop
Main lobby with ticket desk and escalator entry
David's Deck (roofside deck)

LEVEL 2:
Discovering Life Hall
Being Human Hall
Texas Instruments Engineering and Innovation Hall

LEVEL 3:
The Rees-Jones Foundation Dynamic Earth Hall
Lyda Hill Gems and Minerals Hall
Tom Hunt Energy Hall

LEVEL 4:
Expanding Universe Hall
T. Boone Pickens Life Then and Now Hall

LEVEL 4M:
Rose Hall of Birds

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

TECH TRUCK: Two mobile innovation labs (*TECH* is an acronym for Tinker, Engineer, Create and Hack) bring free, out-of-school STEAM programming to the community, including those who cannot engage with the Museum at its physical location. Learn more.

***NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE SPEAKERS SERIES*.** Think of it as story time for adults. From the world's tallest peaks to ferocious lions to Amazonian culture, the Perot Museum brings those stories to life through the *National Geographic Live Speaker Series* by spotlighting some of the world's most sensational explorers. Learn more.

***KOSMOS ENERGY STEM TEACHER INSTITUTE**:* The yearlong program is designed to measurably enhance the competency, confidence and creativity of formal science instruction for participating K-12th grade teachers while increasing interest and engagement in STEM among their students. Learn more.

***DISCOVERY CAMPS*:** Kids pre-K (half-day programming) through grade 6 (full-day programming) can explore animals, space, dinosaurs, chemistry, engineering, marine biology and even zombies with hands-on experiments, 3D films and interactive STEM activities during week-long summer camp sessions. Also available during fall break, winter break and spring break. Learn more.

PALEO LAB: Get real-time views of the Museum's dynamic dinosaur research as paleontologists and preparators process fossils fresh from the field. Through this glass-encased permanent exhibit, you may just witness the unearthing of a new prehistoric species. Learn more here

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CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE: In 2018 the Museum launched its Centers of Excellence, strategic initiatives aimed at elevating the Museum as a core for education and communication on specific scientific topics. The *Center for the Exploration of the Human Journey* (paleoanthropology) was announced in May 2018 and the *Gems and Minerals Center of Excellence* was unveiled in January 2019. A third Center of Excellence will be added this spring.

HOURS OF OPERATION: The Perot Museum operates year round with the exception of Thanksgiving (closed), Christmas Eve (closes early), Christmas (closed), New Year's Eve (closes early) and a few select dates in September and November. During the school year, the Museum operates Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The Museum has extended hours Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Please check perotmuseum.org for special holidays, extended hours, member-only hours and unexpected closings.

ADMISSION TICKETS: MUSEUM GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET PRICES are $20 for adults (13-64), $13 for youth (2-12) and $18 for seniors (65+). For non-members, admission to the theater is $6 (short film) and $8 (long film). For members, general exhibit hall admission is always free and admission to the theater is $5 (short film) and $6 (long film).

PARKING: General parking and handicap parking is available in the main Museum Parking lot, a pay-to-exit lot located under Woodall Rodgers Freeway across from the Museum. Limited additional handicap and hybrid/electric vehicle parking is available in the special permit lot, located directly west of the Museum. Pricing is $10 per car, per day (payable at box office or lobby kiosk) and $5 for Museum members (payable at box office or lobby kiosk). All parking availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

MEMBERSHIP: Basic memberships (personal and gift) start at $95 for dual memberships (two adults) and $130 for Family memberships. Premium memberships start at $180 for dual and $250 for Family. Patron-level memberships also are available for $500 and up. For details, call 214-756-5751 or go to perotmuseum.org.

From 9-10 a.m. every Saturday and 10 a.m.-11 a.m. every Sunday, members can enjoy exclusive member-only hours at the Perot Museum. Plus, check perotmuseum.org for special membership programming.

INFORMATION: Go to perotmuseum.org or call 214-428-5555.

About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. *The 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 engaging and innovative experiences through cutting-edge exhibits, dynamic research, and on-site and outreach educational programming for lifelong learners of all ages. 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 science leaders spark their curiosity through 11 highly interactive permanent exhibit halls, a children's museum, traveling exhibition hall, 4K digital projection theater and active Paleo Prep Lab. Designed by 2005 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Thom Mayne and his firm Morphosis Architects, the museum has been lauded for its artistry and sustainability. To learn more, please visit perotmuseum.org.*

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