Carnegie Science Center Announces Winners in Photo Contest
Prizes Include Cash Awards and Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh Memberships

PITTSBURGH, May 6, 2011— Carnegie Science Center has announced winners of The Art of Science, an online photography contest made possible by the support of Trib Total Media. The contest was open to amateur photographers of all ages and offered cash prizes for winners in three age categories: 12 and under, $100; 13 through 17, $250; and 18 and up, $500. A People’s Choice award, a prize of a one-year family membership to Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, was given to one winner in each age category.

Grand-prize winning photos were chosen by a panel of judges composed of staff from Carnegie Science Center, Carnegie Museum of Art, The Andy Warhol Museum, and Trib Total Media. There were 408 total photos submitted by 264 entrants. People’s Choice awards were chosen by the general public through a voting process on the Trib’s website that allowed visitors to cast up to five votes for their favorite photos. More than 1,300 votes were cast during this process.

Beth Lewis, in the 18 and over age category, won $500 for the photo Kaleidoscope Wall. Ms. Lewis, 67, is a resident of Cranberry and often takes photos with her sister. Their mother never took photos when they were children, she says, and now she and her sister take all photos they can. Ms. Lewis reports that she sometimes goes to great lengths to get the perfect picture and wants to capture a different vantage point than the average person sees.

Barrett Adams, in the age category 13 through 17, won $250 for the photo Water Balloon. A 17-year-old Pittsburgh Allderdice student from Shadyside, Barrett is interested in the technology of photography and is particularly inspired by the photographs of Harold Edgerton, a pioneer of strobe photography.

The winner in the 12 and under age category is just 5 ½ years old. Edward Monaco IV won $100 for the photo Queen of Capillary Color. His mother, Sarah Monaco, reports that he got his grandmother’s old digital camera about a year ago when she moved up to a newer model, and he has been taking photos ever since. Besides photography, he enjoys camping with his family at Bear Run as well as painting and making sculptures both at his school, Winchester Thurston, and at home in Shaler.

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People’s Choice award winners received a one-year family membership to Carnegie Museums. The awardees are: Andrew Sutter, in the 18 and over age category, for the photo *Defying Gravity*; Rita Palese, in the age category 13 through 17, for *Pollen in Flight*; and Domenic Pascucci, in the 12 and under age category, for *Water Carving the Way*.

The winning photos will be displayed on the Trib’s website until May 20, at the 2011 Carnegie Science Awards at Carnegie Music Hall on Friday, May 6, and on digital screens within the Science Center.

The Art of Science photo contest challenged amateur photographers to capture the essence and aesthetic beauty of a scientific phenomenon in a photo that communicated a scientific concept in an artistically significant way. Each entrant could submit up to two photos for consideration. Judges were encouraged to evaluate the photos based on how well they represented STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) concepts, as well as the photographer’s technical skills and creativity.

About Carnegie Science Center
Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh’s premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh
Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. The museums reach more than 1.2 million people annually through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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