BLUE MOON WEEKEND EXPLORES: SCIENCE FICTION OR FACT?
WEEKEND FEATURES BLUES PERFORMANCE IN BLUE! EXHIBIT GALLERY

PITTSBURGH, July 8, 2014 — Carnegie Science Center’s Big Blue Summer continues July 19-20 with Blue Moon Weekend. It’s the second of three blue-themed weekends this summer, all featuring the Science Center’s newest exhibit, BLUE!

During Blue Moon events all weekend, guests can celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing by exploring the connections between scientific advances and the limitless human imagination. Visitors will learn about current space travel, including going back to the Moon, and how it differs from what we see on the big screen. Artists from Tom Savini’s Special Make-Up Effects Program will demonstrate how Hollywood make-up can transform an ordinary human into an otherworldly creature. Guests can pose with a UFO hovering atop the city’s skyline, groove to sci-fi tunes, watch the show “Frankenscience,” and befriend a Stormtrooper or a Rebel Alliance character. Blue Moon Weekend activities are free with general admission costs.

Also during the weekend, the Science Center’s BLUE! Performance Series, featuring blues and bluegrass musicians, will continue. Local artists Wil E. Tri and Ernie Hawkins will play blues tunes on Saturday, July 19 at 1 pm in the BLUE! exhibit gallery. Free with general admission to the Science Center, BLUE! performances are sponsored by Dollar Bank and will be held every Saturday in July and August.

Wil E. Tri is the premier blues harmonica player in the Pittsburgh area and has been playing for more than 40 years. He performs in the tradition of Little Walter and Sonny Boy Williamson and sets the bar high for blues performers all across the country.

Ernie Hawkins is a Pittsburgh-born blues and folk guitarist. He has played across the United States, Canada, Europe, and Japan. He has studied with Rev. Gary Davis in New York City, recorded multiple albums, and has appeared on radio shows such as “A Prairie Home Companion” and “Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour.”
BLUE! is running through January 1, 2015 and is included with general admission. The immersive, hands-on exhibit features molded foam blocks of all shapes and sizes, from small enough to use on a tabletop to huge enough to climb on – and all blue. Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org for more details.

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. Annually, the museums reach more than 1.2 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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