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The World's Most Famous Ship Docked in Pittsburgh

TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition opens this weekend at Carnegie Science Center



High-resolution images available [here](#).

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 19, 2023 – Carnegie Science Center opens TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition to the public on Sat., Oct. 21. Visitors will experience the grandeur of the RMS Titanic through full-scale room re-creations and 154 authentic artifacts on display within the Science Center's PPG SCIENCE PAVILION®.

"We are excited to bring TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition to Carnegie Science Center," said Jason Brown, Henry Buhl, Jr., Director of Carnegie Science Center. "The Exhibition weaves together the realms of history, archaeology, and oceanography, perfectly aligning with our commitment to fostering scientific education and exploration."

This must-see exhibition, open through Mon., April 15, takes visitors on a chronological journey through life on the *Titanic*, with a replica boarding pass featuring a real passenger's name; from the ship's construction to life on board, the fated sinking, and modern-day recovery efforts.

"We are honored to bring Titanic's authentic artifacts to Carnegie Science Center. These real objects tell the real stories of the great Ship better than any movie or book and seeing them in person is a rare experience. We hope guests enjoy the Exhibition and carry this experience with

them for years to come,” said James Penca, *Titanic* historian and consultant at RMS Titanic, Inc.

Authentically re-created rooms including First and Third Class Cabins are appointed with artifacts recovered from the shipwreck site 2.5 miles below the surface of the North Atlantic Ocean.

Some notable, authentic artifacts on display include:

Men’s Opera Pumps

These Swifan brand calf skin pumps with grosgrain bow were designed to be worn by men on formal occasions, attendance at the opera, or at dances. They were purchased by Edgar Andrew in Bournemouth, perhaps for dancing classes at his college.

Telegraph Mechanism

Telegraphs were used to relay messages throughout the ship. The Bridge telegraph, for example, communicated with the engine room via a telegraph faceplate labeled with the ship's instructions, like “Stop” or “Full Ahead.” The device instantaneously sent the captain’s messages to an identically configured faceplate in the engine room.

Hand Mirror Inscribed “Royale Ivoire France”

Faux ivory mirror backs, hairbrushes, and trays were popular toiletry items. Plastics were a recent invention and manufacturers found that the new substance could be used to imitate luxury wares like ivory at a fraction of the cost.

Gillette Razor

In 1901, King C. Gillette and William Nickerson formed the American Safety Razor Company to market their new disposable safety razor design. By the time *Titanic* sailed a decade later, the Gillette safety razor, “Known The World Over” according to advertisements, was quickly supplanting the straight razor as the instrument of choice for men's shaving needs.

In a poignant representation of what passengers may have felt while waiting for rescue, a simulated iceberg is cooled to the same temperature of the water that fateful night. Visitors are invited to touch the iceberg to see how long they can hold their hands against its frozen surface.

Viewed by more than 30 million people worldwide, TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition is an educational and entertaining experience for all ages. Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org/Titanic to purchase tickets and to learn more.

TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition is displayed in the PPG SCIENCE PAVILION® and is produced by E/M Group and RMS Titanic, Inc.

Carnegie Science Center

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About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

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About RMS Titanic, Inc.:

RMS Titanic, Inc.'s (RMST) mission is to preserve the legacy of *Titanic's* maiden voyage, subsequent sinking, and the memory of the passengers and crew through comprehensive educational programs, innovative exhibitions, research and recovery initiatives, wreck site imaging and analysis, and ongoing *Titanic* collaborations. RMST was granted *salvor-in-possession* rights to the wreck of *Titanic* and is the only company permitted by law to recover artifacts from the wreck site. RMST has recovered and conserved more than 5,500 artifacts since 1987 and is an affiliate of E/M Group.

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