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The Science Center Welcomes Pixar to Pittsburgh

Venture into the creativity behind Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Sulley, and all your favorite Pixar characters with The Science Behind Pixar exhibition beginning on May 25



High-resolution images available here.

PIXARBURGH, March 18, 2024 – Picture this: a two-story, 12,000 square foot playground of science, technology, and pure Pixar magic! Beginning May 25, the Science Center is turning into an animated wonderland, where visitors will uncover the creative secrets behind some of the most beloved movies and characters of all time.

Buckle up. It's time to travel to infinity and beyond as the Science Center welcomes a new blockbuster exhibition, *The Science Behind Pixar*, created by the Museum of Science, Boston and Pixar Animation Studios.

"The Science Behind Pixar is an interactive exhibit that offers people a hands-on opportunity to understand how we make our films," said Jim Morris, president of Pixar Animation Studios. "At

Pixar, we use science, technology, engineering, art, and math – along with a significant dash of creativity and fun – and this exhibit is truly a great demonstration of how all those ingredients come together in our filmmaking process."

Throughout the exhibition, visitors will unleash their inner Pixar passion with over 50 fun interactive elements designed to flex science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) muscles. Visitors will be able to:

- <u>Peer into Jessie's mind from Toy Story 2</u> while manipulating her facial expressions by using one of nine sliders that control a specific aspect of her eyebrows, eyelids, or pupils.
- Head to Ramone's "House of Body Art" from Cars and virtually change the appearance
 of a car hood using a touchscreen menu and projector.
- <u>Channel their inner Mr. Ray from Finding Nemo</u> while directing a school of fish and
 calculating the distance between fish and the number of groups, and then matching the
 direction of other fish.
- <u>Create a robot friend for WALL*E</u> by utilizing magnetic body parts that can be used as heads, arms, or legs to show how Pixar transforms scenes by giving characters minor changes.
- Explore a large re-creation of a set from *A Bug's Life* from a variety of perspectives.

 Visitors can view scenes by controlling cameras that tilt up, down, left, right, or top-down.
- <u>Create a stop-motion movie</u> by moving the iconic jumping Pixar lamp across a curved track to change its posture or shape. Visitors can take still photos to capture each incremental change and then play the photos back as a stop-motion movie.

Plus, visitors' selfies are about to get an animated upgrade with life-size recreations of their favorite Pixar characters, including Buzz Lightyear, Dory, Mike and Sulley, Edna Mode, and WALL•E.

Timed tickets are now available for what promises to be a very popular exhibition. Visit <u>CarnegieScienceCenter.org/Pixar</u> to purchase tickets and to learn more. <u>Download high-resolution images here</u>.

Media Preview Event:

Media are invited to a special press preview on Thurs., May 23 at 10:30 am. A light continental breakfast will begin at 10 am. Please contact Sarah Reichle at 412.638.4548 or

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Carnegie Science Center

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Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or info@carnegiesciencecenter.org. Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh's Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org.

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About Pixar Animation Studios

Pixar Animation Studios, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company, is an Academy Award®-winning film studio with world-renowned technical, creative and production capabilities in the art of computer animation. The Northern California studio has created some of the most successful and beloved animated films of all time, including "Toy Story," "Monsters, Inc.," "Cars," "The Incredibles," "Ratatouille," "WALL•E," "Up," "Brave," "Inside Out," "Coco" and "Turning Red." Its movies and technology have won 40 Academy Awards® and the films have grossed more than \$14 billion at the worldwide box

office. "Inside Out 2," Pixar's 28th feature, will be released in theaters June 14, 2024.

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