



PRESS RELEASE

DA VINCI EXHIBIT RUN EXTENDED THROUGH OCTOBER 23 Special entry fee to be waived beginning September 1

BUFFALO, NY (August 26, 2011) – The Buffalo Museum of Science announced today that it is extending the run of its summer exhibit, *Leonardo da Vinci: Machines In Motion*, by two months and its new closing date is October 23, 2011. It was originally scheduled to close this Sunday, August 28. The exhibit will be unavailable August 29 – 31 while it is being relocated to another area of the museum and will reopen to the public on Thursday, September 1.

Created by Worldwide Museum Activities (WMA) and organized by Evergreen Exhibitions, the exhibition presents a hands-on display of full-size machine replicas constructed according to da Vinci's famous codices. The machines were designed by a team of scientists and artisans in Florence, Italy using the materials, tools and craftsmanship that Leonardo would have used in his time. The exhibit is sponsored by First Niagara and R&P Oak Hill Development.

The machines will be moved from their current location on the 2nd floor to the *Connections* gallery space on the 3rd floor to allow for the installation of the museum's fall exhibit, *Journeys Into Papua*, which opens on September 17th.

The exhibit's extension is being offered in cooperation with California University of Pennsylvania, *Machines In Motion's* next destination after it leaves Buffalo. As the relocation will necessitate the removal of some pieces of the exhibit, the museum will waive the additional \$2 admission fee previously required to see the exhibit. When the exhibit reopens to the public on September 1, entry will be included with general museum admission and free for BMS members.

The additional fee for groups of 10 or more, including schools, will also be waived but reservations must still be made in advance at 716.896.5200 x338 or museumreservations@sciencebuff.org in order to receive the museum's group admission discount.

Machines in Motion will no longer offer extended hours on Friday evenings but will still be open seven days a week from 10am to 4pm. More information can be found at 716.896.5200 or www.sciencebuff.org.

Evergreen Exhibitions, founded in 1992, is one of the world's premier providers of traveling museum exhibits. Evergreen conceptualizes, designs, produces, markets and tours its exhibits, primarily in science, natural history and children's museums. The exhibits use educational concepts to create high quality, immersive, multi-sensory, entertaining and educational experiences for family audiences. More than 60 million people worldwide have enjoyed an Evergreen Exhibitions experience. More information on other exhibit offerings can be found at www.evergreenexhibitions.com.

Worldwide Museum Activities (WMA) was founded in Florence by three leading scientists, joined together to pursue the dream to rebuild as perfect as possible replicas of the machinery described in Leonardo da Vinci's drawings and create a museum of Leonardo's Machines. This project is a result of in depth research and study of Leonardo's codes, his personality and his way of thinking.

Buffalo Museum of Science is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 700,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716.896.5200 or visit www.sciencebuff.org.

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