



One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

## **MEDIA ALERT**

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## **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY**

### **Media Preview: *Miniature Railroad & Village® Reopening***

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5 pm (to arrange another time, please call)

Carnegie Science Center's Miniature Railroad & Village®, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

RSVP to Susan Zimecki, at [ZimeckiS@CarnegieScienceCenter.org](mailto:ZimeckiS@CarnegieScienceCenter.org) or via phone: 412.237.1657.

### **BUHL PLANETARIUM BUILDING TO BE UNVEILED IN MINIATURE RAILROAD Science Center to Offer Members-Only Preview**

**PITTSBURGH, Nov. 17, 2014** – Carnegie Science Center will unveil its new addition to the Miniature Railroad & Village® at a special preview event on Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 5 – 9 pm. A model of the Buhl Planetarium & Observatory will join the Miniature Railroad & Village® in commemoration of planetarium's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

The Miniature Railroad & Village® has been a staple at the Science Center since 1992. It was first created by Charles Bowdish in the 1920s and displayed at his home. In 1954, the display moved to Buhl Planetarium and Institute of Popular Science.

Relocated to Carnegie Science Center in 1992, the Miniature Railroad is as popular as ever. Each fall, a new model is added to the display to further expand its coverage of the region's history chronicling the 1880s – 1930s.

To fashion this year's Buhl Planetarium model, Science Center staff employed new laser-cutting technology, relying on original photos of the building.

Museum members will have the opportunity to see the updated Miniature Railroad & Village® on Nov. 19, before it opens to the public on Friday, Nov. 28.

### **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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