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**Saint Louis Science Center Announces 2019 Schedule**

*Year will include two special exhibitions and exciting construction projects*

**ST. LOUIS, MO. (Nov. 28, 2018)** – The Saint Louis Science Center announced its 2019 exhibition, film and event schedule, including two special exhibitions and three OMNIMAX® Theater films, as well as several updates to the facility.

Building on recent special exhibition successes, including *Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission* in 2018, the Science Center will host two special exhibitions in 2019:

- *GUITAR: The Instrument that Rocked the World* opens on Jan. 19 and runs until April 14. This traveling exhibition from the National GUITAR Museum is an immersive exhibition that explores the evolution, history and cultural impact of the instrument over the past 5,000 years.
- *Pompeii: The Exhibition* opens on May 17 and runs until Oct. 27. This exhibition features more than 200 artifacts on loan from the Naples National Archaeological Museum, as well as casts of items buried more than 2,000 years ago but preserved by the very disaster that destroyed them.

The OMNIMAX Theater will feature three films:

- *Cuba: Journey to the Heart of the Caribbean* opens on Dec. 21, 2018. The film uses stunning aerial photography of the island combined with artistic storytelling to immerse audiences in the rhythms and exuberance of the nation.
- *Superpower Dogs* opens March 15. This film demonstrates the life-saving superpowers of the world's most extraordinary dogs.
- *Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation* opens on May 17. The film complements *Pompeii: The Exhibition* with the story of earth's creation and the contribution of volcanoes to the great wildlife ecosystems and their impact on humans and the world.

In late summer of 2019, the OMNIMAX Theater will close for renovation while the projection system is converted from film to digital, including new audio and projection and a new screen. This update, which marks the first major update to the theater since it opened in 1991, will allow the Science Center to greatly expand the number of new releases it is able to offer to its audiences, including feature-length films. In addition, the theater will include new seats and a redesigned stage area for events and presentations. In order to accommodate the updates, the OMNIMAX Theater will be closed from early August through November.

Another building update will occur at CenterStage, located on the lower level of the Science Center, where guests currently see Amazing Science Demonstrations. CenterStage will be redesigned to better showcase Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The project will feature a reimagined and reoriented stage, a green room, increased seating and

visibility from the floor above, as well as new programming for all ages, including early childhood. This will be completed in the first quarter of 2019.

Special events are also planned throughout the year. Science On Tap, the Science Center's annual beer tasting event, will be on Feb. 9, and Science Uncorked, a wine and spirit tasting event, will take place on Nov. 9. Science at Sunset will continue with extended evening hours Thursdays throughout the summer, featuring live music in the outdoor GROW exhibit. On the first Friday of each month, the Science Center will continue to host First Fridays, when guests can geek out about their favorite science fiction movies or topics. The organization will also host regular SciFest events with activities for the entire family. Additional special events are being planned throughout the year to engage visitors, the community, members and donors, including the Science Center's biennial gala.

For the most updated information on activities and events at the Saint Louis Science Center, please visit [slsc.org](http://slsc.org) or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

### **Saint Louis Science Center**

The mission of the Saint Louis Science Center is to ignite and sustain lifelong science and technology learning. Named a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate in 2016, the Saint Louis Science Center features more than 700 interactive exhibits, as well as a five-story OMNIMAX® Theater, Boeing Hall and the James S. McDonnell Planetarium. For more information about the Saint Louis Science Center, please visit [slsc.org](http://slsc.org).