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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES REOPENS SATURDAY

The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures (T/m), formerly the Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City, will reopen on Saturday, August 1 after an \$8 million renovation. In addition to improved climate controls, the renovation features the world's largest fine-scale miniature collection and one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys in new exhibits and hands-on experiences.

- Play I-Spy with the two-story spinning helix of toys donated by the Kansas City community for the project.
- X-ray toys, from a Betsy Wetsy to a Matchbox car, to see their inner workings and watch a video of how they were made.
- Discover the imaginative play of the 1920s and 1930s with toys from Buck Rogers and Orphan Annie. Decode Annie's cryptic message with a secret decoder pin.
- Hear stories of the children who played with the toys, including a Raggy-Doodle U.S. Parachute Trooper who went on many combat missions from treetops, rooftops, and out bedroom windows.
- Test your game board knowledge and watch a plane take flight with a giant zoetrope.
- See the museum's largest dollhouse! At nine feet tall, the house once featured gas lighting and was sturdy enough for the children to climb in each room using a ladder.
- Examine a seven-inch tall cabinet with 19 secret compartments. A touchscreen interactive show visitors each compartment and the two hand-painted postcards found inside.
- Travel around the world to Boston, France, and Italy, and in time to Tudor England and Abraham Lincoln's log cabin without leaving Kansas City. See works of art from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Winterthur Museum, and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in 1:12 scale (one inch equals twelve inches).
- Try your hand at the fine-scale miniature art form by using tweezers to place hands on a seven-inch-tall grandfather clock.
- Explore the artists' tools and the processes behind crafting a metal candlestick, dovetail drawer, egg tempera painting, and ceramic dish.

The museum has lowered admission prices and expanded operating hours. Located at 5235 Oak Street, Kansas City, Missouri, The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures will be open from 10am-

4pm every day of the week except Tuesdays. Admission is \$5 for ages 5 and up, free for ages 4 and under and museum members. The new museum membership program is based on the number of people you would like to bring with you each time you visit—two, six, or twelve people—and starts at just \$25.

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

The National Museum of Toy and Miniatures (T/m) educates, inspires, and delights adults and children through the museum's collection and preservation of toys and miniatures. Located on the University of Missouri - Kansas City campus, the museum exhibits the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys. The museum will reopen on August 1, 2015. For more information, call (816) 235-8000 or visit www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org.

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