

## Museum Fact Sheet

### **LOCATION**

5235 Oak Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64112  
Free museum parking available off of 52nd Street.

### **HOURS**

10am-4pm every day of the week except Tuesdays

### **ADMISSION**

\$5 for ages 5 and up  
Free for ages 4 and under  
Free for museum members  
Free for active-duty service members with a valid ID  
Free for UMKC faculty, staff, and students with a valid ID

### **HISTORY**

The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures opened in 1982 as the Toy and Miniature Museum of Kansas City featuring the collections of two Kansas City women. Operating in a building on the corner of 52nd and Oak on the University of Missouri - Kansas City campus, the 7,000-square-foot museum had two full-time staff members.

Over the next thirty years with expansions in 1989 and 2004, the museum grew to 33,000 square feet. During the same period, the collection increased to over 72,000 objects. In 2012, the museum embarked on its first public capital campaign to raise \$10.2 million to support building and exhibit improvements. The campaign raised \$10.73 million and the museum reopened on August 1, 2015 with new exhibits and interactives featuring the world's largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the nation's largest collections of antique toys.

### **2015 RENOVATION PROJECT PARTNERS**

Design Ranch  
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University of Missouri - Kansas City  
West Office Exhibition Design

### **COLLECTION**

The museum collection of toys and miniatures numbers more than 72,000 objects. The museum's 21,000 miniature works represent all of the major contemporary miniature artists. Room settings, architectural structures, and decorative arts are stunningly rendered in 1:12 (one inch equals 12 inches) or smaller scale. Peek in on Louis XV's study at the Palace at Versailles, an Italian Renaissance studio, or a Boston Beacon Hill mansion, all without leaving Kansas City. The museum's collection of more than 46,000 toys documents humanity's ingenuity, creativity, and imagination. They serve as evidence of society's cultural beliefs, technological advancements, and hopes and dreams from the 18th century to the present. Explore generations of childhood through dolls, dollhouses, trains, soldiers, teddy bears, and more.

## **TEMPORARY EXHIBITS**

*Pedal to the Metal: Pedal Cars and American Car Culture*

August 1, 2015 – August 28, 2016 | North Gallery

Experience America's obsession with four-wheeled vehicles big and small in an exploration of the history, design, and production of pedaled playthings. From the Garton Kidillac to the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile, see how suburban kids have rolled in style!

*Messengers of Goodwill: The 1927 Japanese Friendship Doll Exchange*

August 1, 2015 – January 3, 2016 | South Gallery

Discover the story of how dolls were used to mend diplomatic relations. Step into 1920s Japan and America to view five of the three-foot-tall friendship doll ambassadors reunited for the first time since 1927.

## **ONLINE PRESENCE**

**Website:** [toyandminiaturemuseum.org](http://toyandminiaturemuseum.org)

**Small Talk Blog:** [toyandminiaturemuseum.org/blog](http://toyandminiaturemuseum.org/blog)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/toyandminiaturemuseum](https://facebook.com/toyandminiaturemuseum)

**Pinterest:** [pinterest.com/toyminiature](https://pinterest.com/toyminiature)

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/toyandminiaturemuseum](https://instagram.com/toyandminiaturemuseum)

## **FUNDING**

T/m is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit institution that relies on the donations of individuals, corporations, and foundations to preserve and exhibit the museum's world-class collection. Individuals interested in supporting exhibitions, educational programs, or acquisitions can make a tax-deductible contribution at [toyandminiaturemuseum.org/donate](http://toyandminiaturemuseum.org/donate).

## **RESEARCH LIBRARY**

The museum's new research library of books, periodicals, and vertical files on fine-scale miniatures and antique toys is open to the public by appointment.

## **MUSEUM STORE**

The museum store offers a fun selection of toys for the young and young at heart. Take home a memory of your museum visit or a copy of the museum's first publication: *Highlights from the Collection of The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures*.