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***The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures
Wins 2016 AASLH Award of Merit***

NASHVILLE, TN—August 2016—The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) proudly announces that **The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures (T/m)** is the recipient of an Award of Merit for *Toys from the Attic: Stories of American Childhood*. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards, now in its 71st year, is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

Toys from the Attic: Stories of American Childhood is the centerpiece of T/m's permanent toy exhibitions, which premiered in August 2015 as part of a year-and-half renovation to the entire museum. The exhibit explores the social and cultural importance of toys in the development of American children by side stepping perfect specimens and focusing on toys that have been loved. Each ding, dent, and scrape gives a voice to



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children whose experiences are rarely chronicled in museums and brings to life an important part of our collective experience.

Toys from the Attic was produced by The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures in partnership with West Office Exhibition Design. Dimensional Innovations fabricated the exhibition and Outpost Worldwide created the multimedia interactives.

This year, AASLH is proud to confer sixty-three national awards honoring people, projects, exhibits, and publications. The winners represent the best in the field and provide leadership for the future of state and local history. Presentation of the awards will be made at a special banquet during the 2016 AASLH/MMA Annual Meeting in Detroit, Michigan, on Friday, September 16. The banquet is supported by a generous contribution from the History Channel.

The AASLH awards program was initiated in 1945 to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history throughout the United States. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards not only honor significant achievement in the field of state and local history, but also bring public recognition of the opportunities for small and large organizations, institutions, and programs to make contributions in this arena. For more information about the Leadership in History Awards, contact AASLH at 615-320-3203, or go to www.aaslh.org.

The American Association for State and Local History is a not-for-profit professional organization of individuals and institutions working to preserve and promote history. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH provides leadership,



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service, and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful in American society. AASLH publishes books, technical publications, a quarterly magazine, a monthly newsletter, and maintains numerous affinity groups and committees serving a broad range of constituents across the historical community. The association also sponsors regional and national training workshops and an annual meeting.

The National Museum of Toy and Miniatures 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 reopened on August 1, 2015, after a year-and-a-half, \$8 million renovation. For more information, call (816) 235-8000 or visit www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org.

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