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**WIZARD OF OZ EXHIBIT OPENS JANUARY 14**

*Over the Rainbow: Toys from the Land of Oz* at The National Museum of Toys/Miniatures

**January 5, 2017 (KANSAS CITY, MO)** – Published in 1900, L. Frank Baum’s *Wizard of Oz* is considered America’s first fairy tale. Since then, the story of Dorothy’s fantastical journey through the land of Oz has captivated generations. From January 14 – August 20, 2017, at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures, *Over the Rainbow: Toys from the Land of Oz* highlights the books, toys, and games that resulted from Baum’s fourteen Oz books, the MGM film version starring Judy Garland, television, and musical retellings.

- View a first edition copy of the book that started it all, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.
- See the most comprehensive collection of early 19<sup>th</sup>-century *Wizard of Oz* toys ever exhibited together.
- Discover curious characters from Baum’s thirteen other Oz books in a hands-on interactive.
- Relive the Technicolor classic with original costumes from the film and reproduction ruby red slippers, including two prototypes.
- Stop to take a picture just outside the Emerald City with an Oz-some photo opportunity.
- Explore the story’s adaptations through toys and original costumes from *The Wiz: The Super Soulful Musical “Wonderful Wizard of Oz,”* *Return to Oz*, and *Muppets’ Wizard of Oz*.
- Examine copies of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in seven different languages from Italian to Latvian.

**MEMBERS-ONLY BREAKFAST WITH GLINDA THE GOOD WITCH**

FEBRUARY 12, 2017 | 10AM-2PM

MEMBERS ONLY | FREE

Join us for a sneak peek of *Over the Rainbow: Toys from the Land of Oz* and a complimentary breakfast with the Good Witch. Enter the merry ‘ol Land of Oz for pancakes from Chris Cakes, sing-alongs, and photo opportunities. Breakfast is available for the number of people in each membership level: two, six, or twelve people per visit. Become a member today for as little as \$25 to attend! Visit [toyandminiaturemuseum.org/membership](http://toyandminiaturemuseum.org/membership) for more information.

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**WHAT** *Over the Rainbow: Toys from the Land of Oz*

**WHERE** The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures  
5235 Oak Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64112

**WHEN** January 14, 2017 – August 20, 2017  
Open Daily 10am – 4pm  
Closed Tuesdays and major holidays

**COST** \$5 for ages 5 and up  
Free for ages 4 and under  
Free for members  
Free for UMKC faculty, staff, and students  
Free for active duty service members and their families

**MEMBERSHIP** Start at \$25 for free admission for a year for two people.  
Visit [toyandminiaturemuseum.org/membership](http://toyandminiaturemuseum.org/membership) to learn more or call (816) 235-8010.

#### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES**

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. For more information, call (816) 235-8000 or visit [www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org](http://www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org).

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