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LOST EGYPT: ANCIENT SECRETS, MODERN SCIENCE
UNEARTH THE MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT EGYPT
USING MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

EXHIBIT OPENS SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
TICKETS NOW ON SALE

PHILADELPHIA January 7, 2016—Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science, an immersive and interactive quest for knowledge revealing how archaeologists use modern science and technology to uncover and understand the ancient civilization of Egypt, makes its debut at The Franklin Institute on January 30. The exhibit features a real human mummy, on exhibit loan from The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, and a life-size rapid prototype of a human mummy created using digital CT-scans of an actual human mummy—plus scans and forensic facial reconstructions of various mummies. Lost Egypt allows visitors to learn about archaeology and the work of archaeologists, including how science changes over time as new techniques are developed and new information is uncovered.

The exhibit blends several interactive elements, unique photography, insight from archeologists, and real Egyptian artifacts across four content areas. Orientation Entrance, a modern Egyptian street scene transports visitors to Egypt where they learn about some of the archeologists working in Egypt today. Field Site, where visitors explore the tools, techniques, science and technologies used at the Lost City of the Pyramid Builders on the Giza Plateau. In Ancient Egyptian Culture visitors see a human mummy, funerary artifacts and exhibits about the art and language of ancient Egypt. In the Laboratory, visitors discover animal mummies, X-rays and CT scans of human and animal mummies, facial reconstructions and rapid prototypes of ancient Egyptians. Interactive elements include a mock excavation site and dig pit where visitors can explore some of the material remains found in the Lost City site, Egyptian hieroglyphic writing and decoding of authentic messages from ancient Egypt, and artifact reconstructions from broken pieces of pottery. The exhibit features a replica of a life-size kneeling camel that visitors can climb on to snap a photo.

Exhibitors traveled to Cairo and Luxor to work with and learn from some of the world’s foremost authorities on Egypt, visitors will be able to connect with them through video interviews and photographs from the field. The advisory committee and content experts for the exhibit include renowned Egyptologist Dr. Sarah Parcak, who became the first archaeologist to use a combination of satellite imaging analysis and surface surveys to locate new archaeological sites in Egypt.
“Our visitors have always been fascinated by the mysteries of Egypt, from King Tut to Cleopatra and now in Lost Egypt they can make real connections between past and present customs, cultures and sciences and uncover some of those hidden secrecies,” said Larry Dubinski, President and CEO of The Franklin Institute. “This exhibit is especially inspiring for young people, illuminating the roles they can play as future archaeologist, scientists and engineers.”

Ticket Information

Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science
January 30, 2016-August 28, 2016

Daytime Tickets (Includes general admission to The Franklin Institute)
9:30am-5pm
Adults $24.95; Children (3-11) $20.95
Free for Members of The Franklin Institute

LOST EGYPT: ANCIENT SECRETS, MODERN SCIENCE was produced by COSI in cooperation with the Science Museum Exhibit Collaborative, and was designed and built by the Science Museum of Minnesota. Artifacts are on loan from the Brooklyn Museum and The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

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