THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER

On July 1, 2014 President and CEO Dennis M. Wint will step down and hand over the management of the Institute to Chief Operating Officer Larry Dubinski. During his tenure of nearly 20 years, Dr. Wint repositioned the Institute as a world-class science center through his many accomplishments. We thank Dr. Wint for all he has done for the Institute and we wish him the best of luck as he continues in his endeavours to better the greater Philadelphia region as a professor in the new Masters of Science in Museum Leadership program at Drexel University.

Mr. Dubinski began his career at The Franklin Institute in 1997, and with the exception of a four-year stint at the law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, he has since directed key areas of the Institute including science and innovation, strategic planning, finance, development, government relations, marketing, and visitor services, most recently as Chief Operating Officer. We extend heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Dubinski as his seminal leadership at the Institute continues as President and CEO.

THE NICHOLAS AND ATHENA KARABOTS PAVILION AND YOUR BRAIN ARE OPEN

The moment we’ve all been waiting for is finally here! The Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion, featuring Your Brain, is open! Your brain is always changing and brain science is advancing rapidly as modern technology is helping us begin to unravel age-old mysteries about ourselves. What is the brain? What does it do? How does it work? Believe it or not, scientists still don’t fully know how to answer these questions. The exhibit invites you to think about how you think. It’s all about real life and what’s happening inside your head every day as your brain makes sense of the world around you.

CIRCUS! SCIENCE UNDER THE BIG TOP

Open now through September 1, 2014

How do circus performers swallow swords and fly from cannons? With biology and physics, of course! Discover the scientific secrets behind your favorite circus acts. Launch a cannon ball and use physics to calculate where it will fall, challenge your nose to the blind circus-smell test, test the laws of physics by walking the tightrope or try flipping like a trapeze artist! Set within the world of the circus, the exhibit invites you to engage with key science content that’s fun for the whole family.

101 INVENTIONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

Open now through September 1, 2014

Certain turning points in humankind’s history have been defined by the creation or discovery of something profound, whether it be a particular object or a way of doing something. From stone tools to the birth of the Internet, driven by necessity and accident, we have shaped our own destiny through invention. Just a few of the 101 inventions you’ll learn about are the incandescent light bulb, penicillin, the World Wide Web, LEGO®s, Velcro, the locomotive, the atomic bomb, and color television. There’s something for everyone!

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For more information about Night Skies events, Member Workshops, and Science After Hours, please visit www.fi.edu.

SUMMER HOURS

Extended Summer Hours
Beginning July 6–August 31*  9:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Daily
*some exceptions, please see website for exact details and for special programming notes.
MUMMIES: SECRETS OF THE PHARAOHS 3D
Closing soon! June 30, 2014
Follow researchers and explorers as they piece together the archeological and genetic clues of Egyptian mummies. Scientists today are reconstructing mummy DNA and deciphering ancient texts to gain insight into modern human genetics and to advance medical treatments. Unwrapping these ancient relics lets us glimpse into the fascinating history of the Pharaohs. (20 minutes)

KENYA ANIMAL KINGDOM 3D
Now through September 2014
Kenya Animal Kingdom takes you on a journey in the most spectacular wildlife sanctuary on Earth. Join two young Maasai warriors and discover the breathtaking diversity of the region’s natural fauna, including the Big Five—lions, elephants, Cape buffalo, leopards and black rhinos—as well as giraffe, hippos, cheetahs, and many more. Through never-before-seen images captured exclusively in the wild, experience a truly unique adventure in the very heart of Africa. (20 minutes)

SPACE: UNR AVELING THE COSMOS
Now through July 2014
Space: Unraveling the Cosmos is an epic 3D journey that explores our vast universe and beyond. Develop a greater understanding of space that surrounds Earth and get closer than ever before to far-off planets, galaxies, and the limitless expanse that surrounds our celestial home. (20 minutes)

TITANS OF THE ICE AGE
Open now through September 2014
Titans of the Ice Age will transport you to the beautiful frozen landscapes of North America, Europe, and Asia ten thousand years before modern civilization. Breathtaking computer-generated imagery brings a seemingly mysterious era to life. Follow saber-toothed cats and giant sloths to the iconic mammoths, giants both feared and hunted by prehistoric humans, and travel across glaciers and grasslands while learning about Earth’s inhabitants of the Ice Age. (45 minutes)

WATERMELON MAGIC
Opening April 12, 2014
A revolutionary film designed for children Pre-K through 5th grade, Watermelon Magic chronicles a season on the family farm as young Sylvie grows a patch of watermelons to sell at the market. The high-resolution stills at varying shutter-burst frame rates and stunning time-lapse sequences allow this film to closely follow Sylvie’s watermelon journey from seed to flower to fruit. Will Sylvie decide to share her precious watermelon babies with the world when harvest season arrives? Come find out! (20 minutes)

WALKING WITH DINOSAURS: PREHISTORIC PLANET 3D
Opening July 5, 2014
Spin back in time to an extraordinary prehistoric world: Alaska 70 million years ago in the Cretaceous period: the last great flourish of the dinosaur era. Experience that world and meet an incredible variety of dinosaurs fighting, feeding, migrating, playing, and hunting, just like scenes from a real wildlife film. Science can take us so far but the evidence is incomplete. So how much do we know and how can we build on that with deduction and imagination to create a truly believable and life-like prehistoric world? Come explore the complete picture of the dinosaurs’ world! (20 minutes)

Questions? Need to plan a visit? Contact the Benefactor Society Concierge Service!
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Please note that membership and ticketing benefits mentioned in the Benefactor Bulletin are only available to Benefactors who elect to take their benefits and receive reduced tax-deductibility on their gifts.

More information and show times for all films can be found at www.fi.edu.
Closing dates are subject to change. Please note that for feature-length studio films, complimentary All-Theater passes are not valid. Benefactors will receive the membership discount rate. Due to the last-minute nature of scheduling feature-length films, we are often unable to provide details on these shows in the Benefactor Bulletin. Please refer to our website and member emails for more information.

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