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Grand Opening of THE NICHOLAS AND ATHENA KARABOTS PAVILION

JUNE 12–15: Grand Opening Week

The Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion is the largest and most significant expansion in more than 25 years and will open to the public in grand-scale fashion on Saturday, June 14, 2014. The 53,000-square-foot, $41 million pavilion is named in honor of the lead donors whose commitment to science and technology education brought the project to fruition. The three-story expansion will become home to the museum’s largest core exhibition, Your Brain, a climate-controlled special exhibition gallery, a state-of-the-art conference center, and an expansive new STEM education center. Lead support has been provided by Teva Pharmaceuticals and the exhibit will be housed in the Frank Baldino, Jr. Gallery. Join us in celebrating this milestone!

JUNE 12: The Gala
6:00-11:00pm
$500 per person
$300 Young Friend (ages 21–39)
Festive cocktail attire
Advance registration required

Get one of the first looks at what’s behind the Shimmer Wall with festivities including a special opening ceremony, tours of the Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion and Your Brain exhibit, and lots of hands-on science. Guests will also enjoy a tapas-style dinner, dessert, live entertainment, and dancing.

Proceeds from the gala help fund efforts to make hands-on science learning fun and accessible for nearly 200,000 schoolchildren visiting The Franklin Institute.

More information may be found at fi.edu/gala.

JUNE 13: Member Premiere
6:30-10:00pm
Free | Members age 21+ only
Advance registration required

Explore the Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion before it opens to the public! Plenty of fun, hands-on science demonstrations will accompany new exhibits Your Brain, 101 Inventions That Changed the World, and Circus! Science Under the Big Top in this open house-style event unveiling the newly expanded science museum. Beer, wine, and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

JUNE 14: Grand Opening Celebration
9:30am-5:00pm
Free for Members
Advance registration recommended

Join us for a full day of special activities, fun games, opening day prizes, and guest appearances! Experience The Franklin Institute as you never have before during this fun-filled, high energy celebration for the whole family, featuring workshops, live science performances, brain teasers, a mentalist, and so much more! The first 500 guests will receive a commemorative gift.

JUNE 15: Member, Family Day
Workshops at 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm
Free | Members only
Advance registration required

As the opening weekend celebrations continue, join a Members-only workshop where you will get to dissect a sheep’s brain in one of the Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion’s brand new, state-of-the-art classrooms! Explore the regions of the mammalian brain responsible for movement, memory, and sensation, and discover how they work together to create your everyday life. Adults must handle scalpels.

To register for any of these spectacular events, call 215.448.1200 (option 2), 9:00am-5:00pm daily.
A new chapter in the story of The Franklin Institute will begin on July 1 when President and CEO Dennis M. Wint steps down and hands over the management of the Institute to a new leader, Chief Operating Officer Larry Dubinski. Mr. Dubinski has been a longstanding partner with Dr. Wint in the Institute’s success. Save for a four-year stint at the law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, Dubinski has been a leader at the Institute since 1997, directing key areas including science and innovation, strategic planning, finance, development, government relations, marketing, and visitor services.

Under Dr. Wint’s leadership, The Franklin Institute filled its exhibit space with hands-on learning experiences, and brought once-in-a-lifetime traveling exhibitions to Philadelphia, including Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs, the most visited museum exhibit in the world in 2008. “Dennis is a leader of great experience, skill, and integrity whose contributions to The Franklin Institute, the greater Philadelphia region, and the museum field have been both innovative and essential. Dennis’s forty years of museum experience has truly distinguished him as a leader in the field, and has elevated the Institute to its current position as one of the leading science museums in the country,” said Marsha Perelman, Chair Emerita of the Board of Trustees, who worked closely with Dr. Wint for many years.

During his tenure of nearly 20 years, Dr. Wint repositioned the Institute as a world-class science center, including:

- Completing a series of strategic plans and raising $130 million through capital campaigns to improve the visitor experience and renovate the iconic 1933 building
- Realizing the Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion, the first major expansion of the Institute in more than 25 years
- Founding the Science Leadership Academy, a magnet high school that is a partnership between the Institute and the School District of Philadelphia
- Launching and sustaining the annual Philadelphia Science Festival, which has reached hundreds of thousands of people across the region and generated hundreds of partnerships among its collaborators
- The story of Wint’s legacy is not complete, however. He strives to do even more for the greater Philadelphia region, and he wants to be clear that he is not retiring. In fact, his new role will continue to benefit the future of arts and culture in our city as his daily destination changes from the Benjamin Franklin Parkway to University City. Wint will join the esteemed faculty at the Westphal College of Media Arts & Design at Drexel University as a professor in the new Masters of Science in Museum Leadership graduate program.

Nicholas and Athena Karabots:
HISTORIC PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION

“NEVER FORGET WHERE YOU CAME FROM,” says Nicholas Karabots, who, from his own youth as a self-described “bad kid” growing up in the South Bronx, has risen to become a major business leader and philanthropist and, together with his wife, Athena, established the Karabots Foundation. The son of Greek immigrants, Nicholas Karabots remembers shining shoes in Manhattan’s Union Square as a child to help support his family. Since then he has created and led companies involved in publishing, printing, recreational sports, and real estate.

For the Karabots, philanthropy is motivated by business connections and emotional ties to efforts with youth in underserved communities, underscoring Mr. Karabots’s own youth and, thus, the causes in which he and Athena strongly believe. One such cause is to provide insight to disadvantaged young people that they, by their drive and dedication, can surpass any barrier and can gain access to educational resources, which has long been central to The Franklin Institute’s mission. In October 2011, Nicholas and Athena Karabots and the Karabots Foundation gifted $10 million to the Science campaign. This unparalleled donation, the largest private gift in the Institute’s history, made it possible to begin construction of the addition, the first major expansion in more than two decades. It also galvanized the Institute’s supporters—with the campaign subsequently exceeding its goal and raising $65.2 million.

Today, students work on a range of projects, both at The Franklin Institute and in their own communities through Institute-supported programs. The Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion will expand the space available for such efforts, providing even more students, regardless of means, with high-quality, creative science learning opportunities. This is the legacy of the Karabots’ extraordinary gift: the foundation of even more vital opportunities that will change lives and shape the next generation.

Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion:
OPENING JUNE 14: FREE FOR MEMBERS

In the Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion

The Institute’s newest and largest core exhibit! Quirk the 38-foot tall wall of neural networks and boggle your mind with optical illusions. Navigate a bouncy street scene, filled with monocular illusions that literally turn your world upside down. With over 70 interactive experiences, visitors of all ages will discover the foundations of a science that is revealing new questions every day.

CIRCUS! SCIENCE UNDER THE BIG TOP

In the Nicholas and Athena Karabots Pavilion

Through September 1

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, test your balance as you wobble across a trapeze, and learn to swing like a trapeze artist!

101 INVENTIONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

In the Mandell Center

Through October 26

Journey through time, from the creation of the wheel to LEGOs, and take a closer look at the inventions that helped steer human history. See artifacts come alive with thrilling motion graphics! Discover how Velcro really works and why it’s used in everything from sneakers to space suits. Then, try your hand at creating number 102 in the Inventor’s Den!

MEMBER SUNDAYS

$7.50 per Child Member

Workshops are available at 11:30am and 2:00pm unless otherwise noted. Adult(s) are required to attend with and assist children. Free parking is included with advance reservations. Space is limited.

JULY 13: SCrafting

Join the Maker movement with an illuminated craft project, using conductive thread, LED bulbs, and a battery.

AUGUST 17: Circus Science

Ever wonder what skills are necessary to make it in the circus? Test your abilities and unravel the scientific secrets behind your favorite performances.

SEPTEMBER 14: Inventors Workshop

Do you have the next big idea? Use scientific processes and everyday materials to put it to the test with a group of your peers!

OCTOBER 5: BODY WORLDS: Animal Inside Out

Get an up-close look at how parts of an animal’s body work, and what we can learn about ourselves from observing other species.

NOVEMBER 9: Rain, rain, go...away?

Experiment with ways to reduce urban water runoff in a model neighborhood with Environmental Scientist Raluca Ellis.

DECEMBER 7: Wherever in the Universe

Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts takes us on a live tour of the sky, and YOU choose the destinations!

$10 for Members, 21+

Explore, imbibe, and feed your curiosity at an evening event series exclusively for adults featuring experiments, demonstrations, conversations, cocktails, and innovative and engaging science!

MAY 13: CLUE®: Forensic Science Meets the Classic Mystery

JULY 8: Neuro-Night at the Museum

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AUGUST 12: Science of the Circus: Fire-breathers & Funnel Cake

SEPTEMBER 9: Great Inventions: Telephones, Trains & The Root Beer Float

OCTOBER 14: Monster Mash-Up

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