

Together We Light Up With Gratitude Woodland Park Zoo Animals Visit MOHAI

SEATTLE – Together we light up with gratitude!



As we approach Thanksgiving and a season of thankfulness, we are filled with gratitude for our friends and community! This month, **the Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI)** and **Woodland Park Zoo** teamed up for the lively **Wild at Heart** partnership series to celebrate local cultural organizations.

This year, cultural organizations including those in arts, science and heritage, have been heartened by the encouragement and engagement from our community. Woodland Park Zoo and MOHAI are so grateful for the visitors, donors, social media friends, and community partners who have shown us so much kindness and support.

To kick off the holidays, ambassador animals Coba the spectacled owl and Blossom the opossum got a private tour of Seattle's Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI). Ambassador animals star in the zoo's educational programs and help build empathy for animals through up-close experiences and by promoting ways to take action for wildlife.

Blossom admired MOHAI's architecture, which was once the naval reserve building, built in 1941-1942. The iconic structure was part of the United States' mass mobilization at the end of World War II and originally served as a "Naval Training School" for young navy recruits from throughout the region. The building's architecture is designed in the Art Moderne style, a more reserved form of Art Deco that reflects the utilitarian nature of the building. The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places on July 8, 2009. It became a Seattle City Landmark on October 18, 2010.

Coba and his caring Animal Keeper Susie Semler honed in on the heritage of Seattle in the True Northwest exhibit overlooking the museum's grand atrium. The Grand Atrium reaches four stories, was originally the Armory's Drill Hall, and is now filled with some of MOHAI's most iconic artifacts, such as the Boeing B-1 mail carrier, the Wawona, and the legendary original (and brightly lit) Rainier "R."

Speaking of lights, Woodland Park Zoo's holiday lantern festival is back and brighter than ever. WildLanterns presented by BECU has returned to light up the night with an immersive, interactive, larger-than-life experience. Hundreds of lanterns take visitors on a journey, from a bugs-eye-view up to a 200-foot-long dragon, through creatures great and small! Tickets are on sale at www.zoo.org/Wildlanterns. Every ticket sold supports excellent animal care at the zoo and more than 35 wildlife conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

After immersing yourself in WildLanterns, step into the story of one of history's most treasured innovators in *Da Vinci—Inventions*, at MOHAI, on view through January 3, 2022. Experience the genius of Leonardo as an inventor, anatomist, sculptor, engineer and architect. Created by Grande Experiences, the exhibition features carefully crafted interactive and life-size machine inventions of Leonardo da Vinci's work, offering visitors a look at the creativity of the ultimate Renaissance man, who laid the groundwork for some of the modern world's most impactful inventions, such as the helicopter, airplane, automobile, submarine, parachute and bicycle. Suitable for all ages, this exhibition provides fascinating insight into not only the mind of a genius, but also into the fundamental scientific and artistic principles that he explored.

Arts, science and heritage are the heart of Seattle. We are a vibrant and rich community of cultural partners -- from artists to actors to animal lovers, museums to musicians, and singers to scientists. We are all Wild at Heart, and we celebrate our unique and collective contributions that bring life to this city. To learn more about Wild at Heart, visit www.zoo.org/together.

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