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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES HAMILTON: THE EXHIBITION TO PREMIERE IN CHICAGO

Set to Open this Fall, Exhibition on Northly Island to Take Visitors Deeper into Life of Alexander Hamilton

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced Hamilton: The Exhibition will premiere in Chicago this fall. Created by Hamilton musical creator Lin-Manuel Miranda and producer Jeffrey Seller, the 360-degree, immersive exhibit is designed to take visitors deeper into the life and times of Alexander Hamilton, while at the same time chronicling the American Revolution and the creation of the United States of America.

"The Hamilton Exhibition will be an enriching, educational and entertaining attraction for Chicago residents and visitors," Mayor Emanuel said. "Hamilton has been bringing down the house to sold out audiences in Chicago, and I am confident this exhibit will be met with similar enthusiasm. I commend producer Jeffrey Seller, Lin Manuel-Miranda and the creative team behind the Hamilton Exhibition for choosing Chicago for its inaugural run."

The exhibit will feature an audio tour narrated by Mr. Miranda, the musical's creator. With a dynamic, interactive mix of in-depth scenography, lighting, sound, multimedia and music, Hamilton: The Exhibition will give visitors an experiential journey from Hamilton's childhood in St. Croix to his untimely death in Weehawken, New Jersey and the numerous, indelible ways Hamilton's bold actions over 200 years ago affect our lives today.

"Hamilton's a musical. It's as much of Alexander Hamilton's life as we could wrestle into two and a half hours of musical theater, and it's been incredible and surreal to see the renewed interest this has sparked in Alexander Hamilton's life and times," Lin-Manuel Miranda said. "I'm so thrilled with the work David Korins has done alongside eminent historians Joanne Freeman and Annette Gordon-Reed, who are experts in this arena. With this exhibition, they're creating an immersive companion piece for Hamilton, and a deep dive into the details and experiences of Hamilton's story."

“I hope to use this exhibition to answer some questions that the musical doesn’t address, like ‘What did Alexander actually do when he was a trader in St. Croix? What did Hamilton’s Manhattan of 1775 look like? How did we win the battle of Yorktown?’” Jeffrey Seller said. “In an environment that is visually stunning, aurally thrilling and ingeniously educational, we aim to give visitors yet another unique portal in the life of Alexander Hamilton and the American founding.”

The exhibit will open on November 17, 2018 on Northerly Island in a specially-constructed free-standing structure the size of a football field. Following its Chicago premiere, the exhibition will travel to select U.S. cities.

Hamilton: The Exhibition is a creative collaboration between creative director David Korins, who designed the set for Hamilton, Yale University professor Joanne Freeman, Hamilton creator Lin-Manuel Miranda, director Thomas Kail and producer Jeffrey Seller. Harvard University history and law professor Annette Gordon-Reed is also contributing to the historical accuracy of the exhibit. This exhibit is presented with Imagine Exhibitions, Inc., one of the leading operators of traveling museum exhibits throughout the world.