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***Real Bodies: The Exhibition* Makes North American Debut at the Connecticut Science Center**

Stunning New Exhibition Explores the Human Body through Physiology, Culture, and Emotion

HARTFORD, CT (February 25, 2019) – *Real Bodies: The Exhibition*, the highly original and thought-provoking exhibition of human anatomy is coming to the Connecticut Science Center on March 1, 2019, for a limited engagement through June 30, 2019.

This powerful, blockbuster exhibition is presented by media sponsor Xfinity and explores life by displaying perfectly preserved human body specimens and anatomical specimens. More than a simple display of human specimens, *Real Bodies: The Exhibition* will connect audiences to a deeper sense of what it means to be alive. Founded on anatomical, cultural, and emotional narratives, the exhibition transforms the way we view the mysterious organism we all share — the human body. The dramatic and artful presentation reminds us of all the complexity and scientific wonder within us that we often take for granted. *Real Bodies: The Exhibition* digs deeper into the beauty of the body, mind, and soul than any other exhibition of its kind, and invites you to explore the entire human experience from the first breath to the last.

"The Connecticut Science Center is pleased to bring this world-class exhibition to Hartford," said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center's President and CEO. "The unique presentation of *Real Bodies* gives visitors a chance to see the amazing and complex systems that work within the human body and inspires a greater understanding and appreciation of how magnificent and complicated our own bodies are. From the unimaginably intricate engineering of joints to the unforgiving effects of unhealthy lifestyles, *Real Bodies* is a truly eye-opening and educational experience."

Real Bodies: The Exhibition consists of dramatic and compelling galleries that offer unique perspectives on human anatomy and its importance to world cultures as well as the emotional expression embedded in each of our physiological functions. The exhibition pushes boundaries while seamlessly blending art, science, and emotion as a museum of the self. Exploring these systems within the body, *Real Bodies: The Exhibition* reveals deep synergy between breathing, hunger, the rhythm of the heart, love, motion, thought, and medicine that makes each person unique.

"Comcast is a proud partner of the Connecticut Science Center and we're excited to be the media sponsor of the *Real Bodies* exhibition," said Mike Parker, Regional Senior Vice President for Comcast's Western New England Region, which is headquartered in Connecticut. "Comcast is committed to supporting

education and STEM and the *Real Bodies* exhibition provides an opportunity for us to bring attention to this educational experience that blends art with science.”

Real Bodies: The Exhibition takes visitors on a journey asking them to explore who they are, where they come from and what they choose to do with the life and body they have been given. The exhibition presents a stunning display of 16 real, perfectly preserved whole-body specimens and 129 individual organ specimens. The Connecticut Science Center is the first stop on this brand new *Real Bodies* traveling exhibition, based on the permanent exhibition in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“While the exhibition moves through the human body using a system approach, the exhibition also looks far beyond the physical aspects of these systems,” said President and CEO of Imagine Exhibitions Tom Zaller. “It explores the symbolic and cultural significance that these systems have had from the beginning of time, human evolution through time and questions why we do what we do and how we do it. Whether or not a visitor is spiritual, they’ll emerge from *Real Bodies: The Exhibition* with a sense of greater connection- a connection to the whole of humanity.”

Connecticut Science Center Members will be treated to an exclusive first-look during Member Preview Day. On Thursday, February 28, Science Center Members are invited to come in and explore *Real Bodies*, between 10AM and 7PM before it opens to everyone on March 1. A vital part of the human experience is love! During this member preview, we encourage visitors to pick up a “lock of love”, inscribe their own special message on it, and secure it to the artistic heart sculpture in the love gallery.

Real Bodies: The Exhibition is open daily to the public Tuesday-Sunday 10AM-5PM for a limited engagement March 1- June 30, 2019. Admission to the exhibition is included with General Admission or a Science Center Membership. Tickets are available for purchase at the Connecticut Science Center and at CTScienceCenter.org.

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About the Connecticut Science Center: The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving over 3 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries. Covering a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children’s gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: CTScienceCenter.org or (860) SCIENCE.

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