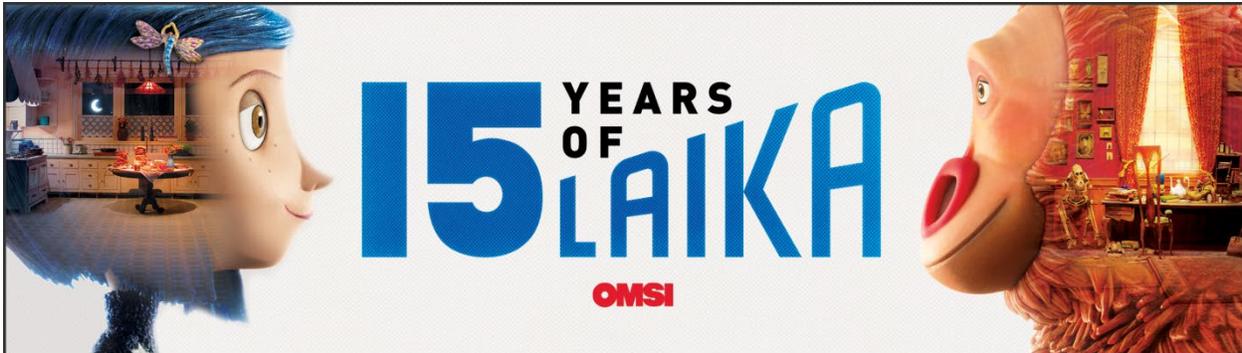


LAIKA



15 Years of LAIKA Celebration at OMSI Extended Through November 28th



[Hillsboro, OR; DATE] -- Creating a stop-motion animated film is a meticulous, years-long process. Museum pop-up exhibitions, on the other hand, can come and go in a matter of weeks.

Thankfully, visitors to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) will have an additional four weeks to catch a glimpse of the creative genius behind LAIKA's five award-winning films at the *15 Years of LAIKA* celebration now extended through November 28th. The LAIKA event includes a display of puppets and film sets located adjacent to the museum's giant screen Empirical Theater which will host filmmaker discussions and screenings of all five LAIKA films during the month of November. For ticket information, please visit [HERE](#).

The celebration of LAIKA's 15th anniversary fittingly opened on October 15th for what was initially envisioned as a 17-day run. However, public demand has been tremendous. Film screenings have sold out, while museum admissions, still restricted and time-controlled in acknowledgement of the COVID-19 pandemic, have nearly reached capacity on weekends.

"People from across the region appreciate the storytelling and technological innovation that is unique to LAIKA's films," said Russ Repp, VP of Retail and Marketing at OMSI. "The enthusiasm from our visitors has been incredible, and we hope that these extra weeks allow anyone who is interested an opportunity to view the pop-up exhibit and experience a LAIKA film on our giant screen."

"We're delighted to extend the *15 Years of LAIKA* pop-up exhibit at OMSI," said LAIKA Chief Marketing Officer and SVP of Business Operations David Burke. "It's particularly rewarding for our hometown fans to have shown such enthusiasm for this exhibit and for hearing our filmmakers talk about the LAIKA process."

LAIKA was awarded a Scientific & Technology Oscar® in 2016 for its innovations in facial animation and won the BAFTA for *Kubo and the Two Strings*. Each LAIKA film is a triumph of imagination, ingenuity and

craftsmanship that has redefined the limits of modern animation. Each has been nominated as Outstanding Animated Film at the Oscars® and *Missing Link* won the Golden Globe.

At the heart of every LAIKA film are the artists who meticulously craft every element, some of whom will engage with visitors in a series of Q&As and showings at OMSI's Empirical Theater during the celebration's extended run. In the Empirical lobby, OMSI visitors can immerse themselves in LAIKA's creative process, exploring a sampling of the sets, props, puppets, costumes, and world-building that have become the studio's hallmarks.

To experience the *15 Years of LAIKA* celebration at OMSI prior to its November 28th close, the [advance purchase of tickets](#) is highly recommended.

About OMSI

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation's leading science museums and an award-winning educational resource for the kid in each of us. As a private, non-profit organization, OMSI does not receive any government funding, but relies on earned and contributed revenue for its operating expenses. OMSI operates the largest museum-based outdoor science education program in the country and provides traveling and community outreach programs that bring science learning opportunities to schools and community organizations throughout Oregon and the region. OMSI is located at 1945 SE Water Avenue, Portland, OR 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit omsi.edu. Connect with the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

About LAIKA

LAIKA, founded in 2005 in Oregon and shaped by the vision of its President & CEO Travis Knight, is a studio that combines a classic commitment to artistry and the cinematic crafts with a delight in innovation and cutting-edge techniques. LAIKA's five films, *Coraline* (2009), *ParaNorman* (2012), *The Boxtrolls* (2014), *Kubo and the Two Strings* (2016) and *Missing Link* (2019) were all nominated for the Academy Award® for Outstanding Animated Feature. *Kubo and the Two Strings* won the BAFTA Award for Best Animated Film and received an additional Oscar® nomination for Visual Effects. *Missing Link* was awarded the Golden Globe® for Best Animated Film. LAIKA was also awarded a Scientific and Technology Oscar® plaque in 2016 for its innovation in 3D printing. Recently, the studio announced its first live action feature film based on the action thriller novel *Seventeen* by screenwriter John Brownlow. Travis Knight will direct LAIKA's sixth animated feature film *Wildwood*, which is currently in production and is based on the novel by Colin Meloy, lead singer and songwriter for The Decemberists, and illustrated by Carson Ellis.

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