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## **MARVEL: UNIVERSE OF SUPER HEROES Opens at OMSI October 8! Acclaimed exhibition celebrates Marvel's visual and cultural impact**

[PORTLAND, Ore – October 3, 2022] – The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) announces the opening of *Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes* this Saturday, October 8, 2022. Celebrating more than 80 years of the Marvel Universe, the interactive exhibition features hundreds of authentic artifacts, including original art and some of Marvel's most iconic costumes and props, most of which have not been on public display outside of this exhibit.

"Our show begins with the origins of the Marvel Universe and moves through to the present day, giving a chance to see some of the rarest and most precious objects from the past 80-plus years of pop culture history, and pointing toward the future with work from some of today's foremost creators," says Ben Saunders, Chief Curator of the exhibition and University of Oregon professor.

*Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes* outlines the story of Marvel and its influence on visual culture, while uncovering the narratives of individual characters such as Captain America, Spider-Man, Black Panther, Captain Marvel, and Doctor Strange. In providing insight on how Marvel has influenced and drawn inspiration from the ever-changing tides of popular culture, the exhibition traces how Marvel stories have responded to historical events and addressed wider issues such as gender, race and mental illness. The exhibition also honors pioneering creators such as Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, and Steve Ditko, whose imaginations made Marvel into the endlessly expansive fictional universes we know today.

"We are thrilled to bring this exhibit to OMSI because we believe Marvel's message resonates with so many of our visitors and connects with our own philosophy," said Erin Graham, President and CEO at OMSI. "The comics and movies encourage us to find our inner strengths and to strive to affect positive change and make the world a better place."

Visitors to *Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes* will:

- Explore concept sketches, props and costumes from Marvel Studios blockbusters like "Captain Marvel" and "Guardians of the Galaxy."
- Enjoy the opportunity to travel through the mysterious mirror dimension of Doctor Strange.
- Take photos next to life-size representations of favorite Marvel characters including Black Panther, Spider-Man and the Hulk.
- Test the capabilities of the Iron Man armor inside Tony Stark's lab with an augmented reality experience.
- View original art from some of Marvel's most notable comics from the past eight decades, including the very first Marvel comic.

*Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes* will thrill collectors and casual fans alike with its immersive set pieces and interactive installations accompanied by a soundscape created by acclaimed composer Lorne Balfe that brings the Marvel Universe to life. The exhibition has been curated by a team that includes three scholars of comics – Ben Saunders, Matthew J. Smith and Randy Duncan, all of whom are university professors and experts in their field. Renowned comic book writers and editors Ann Nocenti and Danny Fingeroth also contributed their time and knowledge in order to create a fully-formed picture of the Marvel phenomenon.



*Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes* is an exhibition by Semmel Exhibitions, the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) and Marvel Themed Entertainment.

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### **Tickets & Pricing**

Museum Admission, including access to *Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes*: Adult \$30, Youth (ages 3–13) \$24, Senior (age 63+) \$27

OMSI Member Price: Adult \$14; Youth (ages 3–13) \$11; Senior (age 63+) \$12

### **Museum Hours of Operation**

Tuesday–Friday & Sunday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Monday: Closed, with the exception of Portland Public School holidays

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