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MARVEL: UNIVERSE OF SUPER HEROES COMING TO PORTLAND
Acclaimed exhibition celebrating Marvel’s visual and cultural impact to open at OMSI on October 8, 2022. Tickets on sale now.

[PORTLAND, Ore - DATE] – The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) announces that public tickets are now available for its newest special exhibition, Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes, which opens October 8, 2022. This interactive exhibition celebrates more than 80 years of the Marvel Universe and features hundreds of original artifacts, including original art and some of Marvel’s most iconic costumes and props from Marvel films and television programs, most of which is not on public display outside of this exhibit.

“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 make the world a better place. At OMSI, we believe our differences are what make us outstanding and we’re committed to creating spaces where people feel welcomed, respected, and galvanized to affect positive change in our community and beyond.”

Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes traces the story of the company 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; giving 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; and honoring pioneering creators such as Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, and Steve Ditko, whose imaginations made Marvel into the endlessly expansive fictional universes we know today.

Visitors 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 – Benjamin 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, Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) and Marvel Themed Entertainment.

Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes opens to the public on October 8, 2022.

Tickets & Pricing

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

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

Museum Hours of Operation

Tuesday–Sunday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

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

About OMSI

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation's leading science museums and a trusted educational resource for communities throughout Oregon and the region. Through museum exhibitions, public programs, outdoor programs, traveling exhibitions, digital learning, and learning research and design, OMSI nourishes a lifelong love of science, curiosity and learning for diverse audiences in Oregon and throughout the region. OMSI recently released updated plans for its upcoming [OMSI District](#), a one-of-a-kind neighborhood and destination for Oregonians – with innovation, culture and science learning at its heart. The OMSI District is a collaboration of local, Tribal and regional government entities, nonprofits and businesses. OMSI's museum is located at 1945 S.E. Water Avenue, Portland, OR, 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit [omsiedu](https://www.omsiedu). Connect with the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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