It’s Elementary: Sherlock Holmes Exhibition is a Must See!

THE PHILLIP AND PATRICIA FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE TO HOST
SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE EXHIBITION IN SUMMER 2022

Interactive exhibition presents a riveting journey into the mind of Sherlock Holmes, the world’s most famous detective, and unlocks his revolutionary investigative secrets

MIAMI, Fla. – Footprints, splatter patterns and the powers of observation mark the journey through Sherlock Holmes: The Exhibition opening Monday, May 16, 2022 at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science in Downtown Miami. The interactive experience combines science with history and culture to bring to life the historic underpinnings of author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s rich and vibrant stories. The exhibition will be on view through Monday, September 5, 2022.

Museum guests will learn how Sherlock Holmes, a scientific expert ahead of his time, used seemingly trivial observations of clues others missed to solve some of his era’s most mysterious crimes. His practices and techniques, created in the mind of doctor-turned-author Conan Doyle, changed the way police work was conducted and remain in practice today. Sherlock Holmes: The Exhibition features original manuscripts and period artifacts, investigative tools influenced and used by Sherlock Holmes, and interactive crime-solving opportunities. Guests will be transported into Sherlock Holmes’ London to solve a crime in a world filled with innovation and experimentation – and just receiving its introduction to his ground-breaking methods.

The exhibition is brought to the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science as the result of a unique arts partnership between Exhibits Development Group (EDG); Geoffrey M. Curley + Associates; Conan Doyle Estate Ltd.; and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

“The Conan Doyle Estate can’t remember an undertaking as involved and exciting as this one,” says the Estate’s U.S. representative Jon Lellenberg: “Museum visitors will experience the scientific and literary ideas that inspired Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to create Sherlock Holmes, and Holmes’ methods for investigating and solving crimes as the world’s first consulting detective, and they will visit their two worlds, including the very rooms in which all this took place.”

Exhibition guests will learn about the practices of Sherlock Holmes, the world in which Conan Doyle drew from to develop his stories, and the history of forensic science. The galleries in the exhibition include:

• **Dr. Conan Doyle’s Study** – Conan Doyle, a scientifically educated physician, was a curious and tireless investigator his entire life. Guests will discover his world first as a medical student at Edinburgh University, then as an apprentice at Royal Surgeons’ Hall, next as a practicing physician in Southsea, Portsmouth, and finally as a creator of literary genius who moved to London in the early 1890s and became a full-time author. On display will be an original -more-
manuscript, letters, and illustrations through which guests will gain perspective on the experiences that influenced Conan Doyle in creating Sherlock Holmes.

- **Science and History** – Sherlock Holmes solved mysteries using observation and solid scientific experimentation, something real-world detectives (police or private) had not fully embraced. Guests will participate in experiments of their own by exploring the developments in science and technology in the 1890s – developments that are still highly relevant today. Supported by forensics expert and crime historian E. J. Wagner, author of *The Science of Sherlock Holmes*, the exhibition digs into real forensic studies in order to demonstrate the link between the Sherlock Holmes stories, detective science and the world of today.

- **Sherlock Holmes in Baker Street** – Guests will visit Sherlock Holmes’ and Dr. Watson’s sitting room at 221B Baker Street, London, where their investigations began and concluded – a room looming large in popular imagination around the globe ever since the first Sherlock Holmes tale, *A Study in Scarlet*, in 1887. Poet Vincent Starrett said of the famed room: “Here dwell together still two men of note / Who never lived and so can never die . . . Here, though the world explode, these two survive / And it is always eighteen ninety-five.”

- **Become a Detective** – Guests will exchange the museum map for a book full of clues while hot on a trail to solve a remarkable murder. Using their own powers of observation, guests can crack a new Sherlock Holmes mystery written exclusively for this exhibition by Daniel Stashower, the acclaimed writer and award-winning Conan Doyle biographer (author of *Teller of Tales: The Life of Arthur Conan Doyle* and co-editor of *Arthur Conan Doyle: A Life in Letters*) and the author of new Sherlock Holmes stories as well.

- **Culture of Sherlock** – Pop culture enthusiasts will enjoy the exhibition’s final gallery, housing a robust collection of all things “Sherlockian,” ranging from vintage Sherlock Holmes-themed card games, comics, and magazines, to radio scripts, and movie and television show props and costumes. Featured are hero props from the Warner Bros.’ current *Sherlock Holmes* movies set in the Victorian era, alongside costumes, props and behind the scenes tools from the hit CBS television shows *Elementary* and the BBC’s *Sherlock*, both of which set Sherlock Holmes in the present day. The exhibition will offer museum guests the most comprehensive display anywhere of Sherlock Holmes as portrayed in popular imagination over the last 126 years since his creation. The conclusion of the exhibition celebrates today’s real forensic scientists and their exceptional work.

*Sherlock Holmes: The Exhibition* will be on view from Monday, May 16, 2022 through Monday, September 5, 2022 inside the Hsiao Family Special Exhibition Gallery on the first floor of the museum. Admission to *Sherlock Holmes: The Exhibition* is included with all museum admission tickets. For more information on the exhibition, please visit frostscience.org/sherlock.

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