



THE PHILLIP AND PATRICIA FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE ANNOUNCES NEW BLOCKBUSTER

EXHIBITION: *BUGS*

Special Exhibition Will Debut on November 23, 2024



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MIAMI, FL (September 3, 2024) – Alert the hive! *Bugs* is a new special exhibition opening at the [Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science](#) in Downtown Miami on Saturday, November 23. This cinematic and immersive exhibition brings the world under your feet to life in larger-than-life proportions.

Bugs invites guests to marvel at the intricate and diverse world of bugs, exploring their biology, evolution, and the incredible capabilities that make them some of the most extraordinary creatures on Earth. **Through state-of-the-art displays and interactive experiences, guests will discover how these tiny beings have influenced advancements in engineering, nanotechnology, and various other scientific fields.**

"We're thrilled to bring *Bugs* to Frost Science, offering our guests a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore the natural world from an entirely new perspective," said Dr. Cassie Freund, the museum's director of science communication. "This exhibition not only showcases the incredible diversity of bugs, but also



highlights the valuable lessons these tiny creatures can teach us and their profound impact on scientific fields."

As guests explore the exhibition, they'll encounter six larger-than-life bug ambassadors, each magnified to hundreds of times their natural size, and discover the incredible superpowers of these fascinating creatures through hands-on activities.

The exhibition is built around four immersive chambers, where guests experience the incredible talents of four extraordinary insects:

- Meet the gorgeous orchid mantis, who hunts her prey disguised as the most beautiful flower of all.
- Discover how the jewel wasp is a killer brain surgeon, turning its victim into a zombie, ready to do its bidding.
- Witness the incredible flight of the dragonfly in the zoetrope, a spectacular 3D animation unlike anything on the planet.
- Join with other visitors in Bees vs Hornet: you become the bees defending your hive from the deadly hornet.

Dozens of interactive experiences offer guests the chance to test their reflexes, practice bug brain surgery, or fly their origami butterfly in the bug wind tunnel. Those interested in exploring Frost Science's collection of insects will have the opportunity to see them in a special display created with Broward College students.

Whether you are being ambushed by an orchid mantis, protecting your hive from an invader, or examining the detailed physics of dragonfly flight, *Bugs* will transport you into a hidden world where reality is truly stranger than fiction.

Bugs was developed by the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa with support from Weta Workshop Limited, the five-time Academy Award®-winning film studio who worked on *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*.

The exhibition will be on view from Saturday, November 23, 2024, through Sunday, April, 20, 2025, inside the Hsiao Family Special Exhibition Gallery on the first floor of the museum. Admission to *Bugs* is



included with all museum admission tickets. For more information on the exhibition, please visit frostsscience.org/bugs.

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About the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science

Located in Downtown Miami's Maurice A. Ferré Park, the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science is a leading-edge science museum dedicated to sharing the power of science, sparking wonder and investigation, and fueling innovation for the future. Sitting on four acres, the 250,000-square-foot museum is divided into four distinct buildings: the Frost Planetarium, Aquarium, and the North and West Wings. At Frost Science, visitors can explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in an experiential setting with interactive exhibitions and unique shows. The Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science is supported by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. This project is supported by the Building Better Communities Bond Program and the City of Miami. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and a member of the Association of Science and Technology Centers. Learn more at frostsscience.org.

About Te Papa

Te Papa is the national museum of New Zealand, combining science, art, history and the culture of New Zealand's indigenous Māori people. Since opening in 1998, it has been recognised as a world-leader in innovative museum experiences, attracting over 1.5 million visitors a year, in a country of only four million people. Te Papa's previous co-creation with Weta Workshop, *Gallipoli: The Scale of Our War* has smashed records for exhibition attendance, and its touring exhibition *Whales | Tohorā* has attracted more than two million visitors at venues throughout the United States. See more at www.tepapa.govt.nz

About Weta Workshop

For over 20 years, five-time Academy Award®-winning Weta Workshop has applied creativity and craftsmanship to blockbuster films and hit television series including *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* trilogies, *King Kong*, *Avatar*, *District 9*, *Thunderbirds Are Go*, and *Ghost in the Shell*. This diverse, innovative



company is also a tourist destination, producer of consumer products, interactive studio in collaboration with Magic Leap, behind-the-scenes facility, and creator of public sculptures and exhibitions, including Te Papa's record-breaking *Gallipoli: The Scale of Our War*. CEO Richard Taylor is involved in all projects, from concept to completion. See more at www.wetanz.com

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