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Night at the Museum: Mystery!

Museum exhibits come to life as families solve the case in this overnight adventure

COLUMBIA, S.C., Wednesday, January 17, 2018– The South Carolina State Museum is giving families a chance to solve *The Case of the Purloined Pendant* during a special *Night at the Museum: Mystery*, Fri., Feb. 9 through Sat., Feb. 10. Guests will get to experience the entire museum, including special shows in the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Planetarium, the Rev. Dr. Solomon Jackson, Jr. 4D Theater and a night under the stars in the Boeing Observatory, in addition to helping the museum staff solve the mystery.

Guests of *Night at the Museum: Mystery*, will discover one of the museum's new artifacts has gone missing. They will then be divided into groups and led through the galleries, where some of the museum's iconic exhibits will "come to life." Characters based on actual South Carolina stories of cultural history, natural history, and science and technology will give the guests clues to help find the culprit and bring them to justice before the night ends. All participants will enjoy a pizza dinner for their hard work, sponsored by Little Caesars Pizza.

Saturday morning, guests will enjoy a light continental breakfast followed by a special morning showing of *The LEGO Movie 4D Experience*. After, the Cotton Mill Exchange will be open for guests to shop for souvenirs to remember their experience at the State Museum.

Guests will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, any necessary medications, and an overnight bag with pajamas and toiletries. Overnight participants will get to choose their own sleeping areas upon arrival and will sleep among museum exhibits.

Friday night check-in is from 5 to 5:45 p.m. and lights-out is at 11 p.m. Saturday morning wake-up time is 7:30 a.m. and departure is at 10 a.m. Overnight education staff and security will be on hand.

Tickets are \$35 per person for public and \$28 per person for members. Space is limited and reservations are required. Guests should call (803) 898-4999 or visit scmuseum.org to reserve a space today.

About the South Carolina State Museum: *As the state's largest and most comprehensive museum, the South Carolina State Museum, offers a unique, entertaining and educational experience to visitors throughout its 225,000 square foot facility located in the heart of downtown Columbia's Congaree Vista. The State Museum is housed in one of its greatest artifacts, an 1894 old textile mill full of character and charm. In addition to beautiful meeting spaces throughout the facility, guests can explore outer space in one of the largest planetariums in the Southeast, watch an interactive 4D movie and look through a vintage telescope in a one-of-a-kind observatory. These exciting opportunities are all in addition to the four floors of South Carolina art, cultural history, natural history and science/technology that guests can experience. For more information about the museum, visit scmuseum.org.*

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