**PRESS RELEASE**

**Cranbrook Institute of Science debuts Tutankhamun: “Wonderful Things” from the Pharaoh’s Tomb**

*Metro Detroit science museum opens largest traveling exhibit in years; expects 100,000 visitors*

**February 2, 2017, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. -** On Friday, February 3, 2017, [Cranbrook Institute of Science](http://science.cranbrook.edu/) will open its largest exhibit in years called **Tutankhamun: “Wonderful Things” from the Pharaoh’s Tomb.** A decade in the making from artisans of the Pharaonic Village in Giza, Egypt and New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art, this collection replicates the famous young pharaoh’s legendary treasures and recreates the richest archaeological find of all time. The traveling exhibit will be open until September 3, 2017.

“Tutankhamun is among the highest quality exhibit we’ve ever had,” said Michael D. Stafford, Ph.D., director of Cranbrook Institute of Science. “We’re delighted to offer visitors the closest possible encounter outside of Egypt with the fascinating history of Tutankhamun. These high-grade replicas are extremely detailed and are exact copies of the originals that will no longer be leaving Egypt.”

Visitors will fall under the spell of 18th Dynasty Egypt as the timeless mystery of King Tut’s ancient tomb is brought to life. The gripping exhibit features 131 replicas of the pharaoh’s sacred possessions and historic artifacts, including his magnificent state chariot, the iconic golden mummy case, spectacular funerary mask, and the bejeweled royal mummy.

Tutankhamun: “Wonderful Things” from the Pharaoh’s Tomb originated at the International Museum Institute of New York. At Cranbrook Institute of Science the exhibition is presented by PNC Bank. PNC has made it a priority to support nonprofit organizations with a focus in education, arts and culture in the local community, making Cranbrook and the Tutankhamun exhibit a perfect fit.

“PNC is committed to strengthening the communities where it does business,” said Ric DeVore, PNC regional president for Detroit and Southeast Michigan. “This sponsorship continues PNC’s partnership with Cranbrook, which brought National Geographic’s groundbreaking ‘Women of Vision’ exhibit to the Science Center in late 2014.”

The exhibit is open during regular museum hours and is an additional cost ($8-$10) to museum general admission. For information on hours and pricing, visit <https://science.cranbrook.edu/visit/admission>.

***About Cranbrook Institute of Science****Cranbrook Institute of Science, Michigan’s Museum of Natural History, is part of the world-renowned Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The museum is open* Tuesday *- Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday noon-4 p.m. Regular admission is $13 for adults and $9.50 for children 2-12 and senior citizens (65+); children under 2 and members are admitted free. Courtesy of MASCO Corporation Foundation, admission is* ***free*** *after 5 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Other Fridays and all Saturdays after 5 p.m. admission is reduced to $6.50 for adults and $5.50 for children 2-12 and senior citizens; children under 2 and members are admitted free. For information about becoming a member of Cranbrook Institute of Science, call (248) 645-3200 or visit* [*http://science.cranbrook.edu*](http://science.cranbrook.edu)*.*

# # #