

Contact: Connie George 412.638.7029 <u>GeorgeC@CarnegieScienceCenter.org</u>

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER TO ENTER THE VIKING AGE WITH NEW EXHIBITION

See more than 140 authentic Viking artifacts, including a full-size replica of a Viking ship, and discover the true nature of Vikings.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 10, 2023 – What if the blood-thirsty plunderers you once thought you knew, were just misunderstood explorers, farmers, traders, and craftsmen that were highly skilled? For a limited time in Pittsburgh, Carnegie Science Center will host *VIKINGS: Warriors of the North Sea,* beginning Sat., Feb. 11. Visitors will get an in-depth look into Norse culture, traditions, and beliefs and will dive into their lifestyle through immersive activities.

The exhibition features more than 140 artifacts, some never seen in the United States, including jewelry, keys, weapons, silver hoards, brooches, clothing, and a full-size replica of a Viking ship. These recent archaeological discoveries that will be showcased shed new light on The Viking Age, dispelling long-held stereotypes about its people, traditions, and influence.

"Through our market research we learned that the Pittsburgh community is interested in archeological exhibitions. We are particularly excited to host this exhibition because it has fascinating historical and scientific significance. Vikings were more than pillagers," Jason Brown, Henry Buhl, Jr., Director of Carnegie Science Center said. "What they created and accomplished entailed science, technology, engineering, and math skills, but yielded productive results." The exhibition runs through Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 4.

Visitors can build a Viking ship using a touch screen, interact with a Norsemen through augmented reality, test the balance between the blade and the handle of a replica Viking sword, and play a digital version of a popular Viking strategy game that pre-dates chess.

Visit <u>carnegiesciencecenter.org/exhibits/vikings</u> to purchase tickets and to learn more.

This exhibition has been produced in partnership by The National Museum of Denmark, MuseumsPartner in Austria, and Pointe-à-Callière, Montréal Archaeology and History Complex of Québec, with the collaboration of Ubisoft Montréal.

Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

Accessibility: Features for All

Carnegie Science Center welcomes all visitors. We work to assist visitors with disabilities in obtaining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities. We welcome visitors in wheelchairs on the deck of our USS Requin (SS 481) submarine. Below-deck visits require full mobility. Hearing assistance devices are available for The Rangos Giant Cinema. Please ask when you buy your ticket.

Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or <u>info@carnegiesciencecenter.org</u>. Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh's Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email <u>accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org</u>.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, <u>Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh</u> is a family of four dynamic, distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. The museums reach 1.5 million people a year through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

###