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MAKE SOME NOISE AT SONIC SENSATION

Visitors Explore Science of Sound & Hearing at LICM's New Exhibit

GARDEN CITY, NY -- Experience our sonic world and the sensation of being surrounded by everyday sounds when **Sonic Sensation**, LICM's newest traveling exhibit takes up residence on January 26, 2019. The exhibit will be on display at Long Island Children's Museum through Sunday, May 5. Sonic Sensation was developed by the Sciencenter in Ithaca, New York.

"Sound is the earliest way that children gather information and is vital to any full sensory experience," explains Aimee Terzulli, LICM's Director of Education & Visitor Experience. "Sonic Sensation teaches visitors the 'hows and whys' of sound and encourages us all to appreciate the sounds around us."

In this interactive exhibit, families and school groups will experiment with pitch, test their own hearing, make a movie soundtrack and step into the ever-popular *Scream Chamber*. Twelve exhibit components allows visitors to sort high and low pitches by hitting colored bells, create sounds by making "*Music in Motion*," and launch a billiard ball to show how sound hitting our eardrums sends signals to our brain.

In a lively, engaging manner, *Sonic Sensation* presents a fun and informative opportunity to explore sound in our environment. Learn about the anatomy and physics of how we hear, find out about decibels, amplitude, frequency, pitch and sound waves.

As children explore the gallery they will have a chance to measure the frequency of sounds, match mystery sounds and try to find hidden "animals" in kitchen cupboards by listening (no peeking!). Take some fun selfies in the *Ear This!* section as you see how you would look with the ears of an elephant, rabbit, bat and more.

As always, LICM has planned a variety of complementary workshops to extend the themes introduced in the traveling exhibit. Upcoming programs include **What Do We**

“Ear?” (Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27 from 1-3 p.m.), and **Sound Tubes** (February 18 and 22 from 1- 3 p.m.)

Sonic Sensation is a natural complement to LICM’s permanent exhibit “Sound Showers.” In this soundproofed gallery, visitors enter an immersive environment to explore soundscapes of the imagination, create rhythms using instruments from around the world and experience the fun of creating music using objects found all around us.

Learn how you hear, and discover how well you can listen in Sonic Sensation.

All activities are held at the Long Island Children’s Museum, 11 Davis Avenue, Garden City, NY. For the safety of our visitors, Adults are not permitted in the Museum without children; Museum visitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Museum Hours: Tuesday-Sunday from 10 am.-5 p.m. and most school holidays. Museum admission: \$14 for adults and children over 1 year old, \$13 seniors, FREE to museum members and children under 1 year old. Additional fees for theater and special programs may apply. For additional information, contact 516-224-5800.

About the Long Island Children’s Museum

The mission of Long Island Children’s Museum is to connect all our communities’ children, and those who care for them, to a life of wonder, imagination and exploration. At LICM, children discover their passions and their relationship to the world we share. The 40,000-square-foot museum welcomes nearly 270,000 children and adults annually. The private, not-for-profit institution chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers museum-based educational programs and cultural experiences, as well as an extensive community outreach program offered in schools, libraries and youth centers across Long Island. The Museum is the recipient of the 2012 National Medal for Museum & Library Service, the highest honor conferred on museums for extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions.