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**THE MAGIC HOUSE CREATES *DINOSAUR TRAIN* EXHIBIT
WITH SUPPORT FROM THE MONSANTO FUND**

Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit Coming Fall 2017

Created in Partnership with The Jim Henson Company

ST LOUIS (August 7, 2017) – The Magic House has received a generous grant of \$25,000 from the Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, for the Museum to create *Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit*, an exhibit based on The Jim Henson Company’s popular PBS KIDS TV series. *Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit* features a curious Tyrannosaurus Rex named Buddy who travels the world to discover everything there is to know about dinosaurs. This new exhibit will transport kids back to the time of dinosaurs and encourage basic scientific learning through fun, hands-on activities. Created by The Magic House in collaboration with The Jim Henson Company, the exhibit is in the development stages now and the Museum is planning its premiere for October 2017.

“The Magic House is honored to have the support of the Monsanto Fund in the development of our newest exhibit,” said Beth Fitzgerald, President of The Magic House. “Through their support we look forward to educating and inspiring kids of all ages about the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math.”

“The Monsanto Fund is proud to support initiatives such as the *Dinosaur Train* that creates a fun and interactive environment for children to learn about science,” said Michelle Insco, Monsanto Fund program officer. “For many young people, this unique exhibit could be the educational catalyst that sparks a life-long interest in science.”

Broadcast locally on the Nine Network of Public Media, *Dinosaur Train* embraces

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and celebrates the fascination that kids have with both dinosaurs and trains, while encouraging basic scientific thinking skills. Kids will be able to join Buddy and his adoptive Pteranodon family on a whimsical journey to unearth basic concepts in life science, natural history and paleontology.

Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit will be free with Museum admission and will be at The Magic House October 7 through November 26, 2017 as well as March 3 through May 13, 2018.

This is The Magic House's second exhibit produced in partnership with The Jim Henson Company. With Monsanto Fund's generous support, The Magic House created a traveling exhibit based on Henson's popular PBS KIDS TV series, Sid the Science Kid. *Sid the Science Kid: The Super-Duper Exhibit!* is now touring museums across the country.

About The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences for children and families and encourages experimentation, creativity and the development of problem-solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy and magic. Regular Museum admission is \$11 per person. Children under the age of one are free.

The Magic House is located at 516 S. Kirkwood Road, one mile north of Highway 44 in historic downtown Kirkwood, Missouri. Summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; Friday, 9:30 am to 9:00 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm; and Sunday, 11:00 am to 5:30 pm. Parking is always free at The Magic House. For more information, please call 314.822.8900 or visit The Magic House online at www.magichouse.org.

About the Monsanto Fund

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at www.monsantofund.org.

About The Jim Henson Company

The Jim Henson Company has remained an established leader in family entertainment for over 60 years and is recognized worldwide as an innovator in puppetry, animatronics and digital animation. Best known as creators of the world-famous Muppets, Henson has received over 50 Emmy Awards and nine Grammy Awards. Recent credits include Julie's Greenroom (Netflix), Dot. (Sprout/Hulu), Splash and Blubbles (PBS), Word Party (Netflix), Doozers (Hulu/Sprout) and the Emmy®-nominated Sid the Science Kid (PBS), Dinosaur Train (PBS), and Pajanimals (Sprout). Television productions include Fraggle Rock, The Storyteller and the sci-fi cult series Farescape. Features include Disney's Alexander the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, as well as The Dark Crystal, Labyrinth, MirrorMask, and Jim Henson's Turkey Hallow.

With additional locations in New York and London, The Jim Henson Company is headquartered in Los Angeles on the historic Charlie Chaplin lot, complete with soundstage and postproduction facilities. The Company is home to Jim Henson's Creature Shop™, a pre-eminent character-building and visual effects group with international film, television, theme park and advertising clients, as well as Henson Recording Studios, one of the music industry's top recording facilities known for its world-class blend of state-of-the-art and vintage equipment. The Company's Henson Alternative brand is currently touring Puppet-Up! – Uncensored, a live puppet improvisational show.

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