Pittsburgh Illustrated: New History Center Exhibit Showcases Works of Art by the Society of Illustrators

-The juried exhibition features artwork that depicts Western Pa. history in a new and engaging way-

PITTSBURGH, July 22, 2017 – Visitors to the Senator John Heinz History Center can marvel at more than 50 new works of art by members of the Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators (PSI) as part of the new exhibition, Art of Facts | Uncovering Pittsburgh Stories, now on display in the museum’s fifth floor Barensfeld Gallery.

The Art of Facts exhibit creatively interprets the rich history of Western Pennsylvania and shares its compelling stories through the art of illustration. Last year, members of the Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators – the second largest group of illustrators in the U.S. – were charged with researching, discovering, and sharing those stories in a new and engaging way.

The artists’ work featured in the exhibit depicts everything from Andrew Carnegie’s job at age 13 in a textile mill to Walt Disney’s visit to Westinghouse to the story of Pittsburgh’s lost “H,” and much more. Beyond the major landmarks, groundbreaking discoveries, celebrated achievements, and famous locals, there are captivating details of history that have seldom been shared.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2017, the Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators brings those local illustrators together to facilitate artistic and professional growth, advocate for artists’ rights, and promote collective Pittsburgh talent.

The Art of Facts exhibit showcases the talent of PSI artists who work in corporations, publishing, the medical field, science, and a range of other disciplines throughout the region.

Featured PSI artists include: Rick Antolic, Genevieve Barbee-Turner, Mark Bender, John Blumen, Jeff Brunner, Fred Carlson, Ashley Cecil, Ron Magnes, Anni Matsick, Leda Miller, Kurt Pfaff, Kathy Rooney, George Schill, Cindy Strosser, Molly Thompson, Nora Thompson, Emily Traynor, Gregg Valley, Phil Wilson, and Ilene Winn-Lederer.

In addition to the 53 works of art, the Art of Facts exhibit features a video that demonstrates how illustrators work.

The Art of Facts exhibit is sponsored by The Heinz Endowments, Richard King Mellon Foundation, and the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD).
For more information, including behind-the-scenes photos and a full lineup of public programs, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region’s remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).

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“H.J. Heinz: Horseradish Farmer” by Rick Antolic

“Nelly Bly, Investigative Reporter” Kathy Rooney

“Pittsburgh is Spelled with “H”” by Nora Thompson

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