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Fort Pitt Museum to Temporarily Close in January for Updates
-The museum will reopen on Jan. 27 following exhibit upgrades and additions-

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27, 2017 – The Fort Pitt Museum, part of the Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will temporarily close beginning Monday, Jan. 1 for exhibition maintenance and updates. The museum will reopen to the public on Saturday, Jan. 27.

During the temporary closure, Fort Pitt Museum curators will clean the museum's iconic diorama depicting the Point in the 1760s. Several newly acquired 18th century loan objects will be placed on display, including a horn spoon once belonging to Catharine Bard, a former captive of the Delaware tribe in the mid-1700s, and an original 18th century French trade pistol.

Fort Pitt Museum staff will also prepare for a full schedule of 2018 events, including a Fort Pitt Museum speaker series, living history demonstrations, educational outreach, scout workshops, and activities commemorating the 240th anniversary of the Fort Pitt Treaty of 1778.

The museum's featured exhibition is ***From Maps to Mermaids: Carved Powder Horns in Early America***, which features delicately carved powder horns – used by soldiers, settlers, and American Indians to store gunpowder – and the stories behind them.

One of the most affordable family-friendly cultural experiences in the region, the Fort Pitt Museum attracted more than 55,000 visitors last year.

Admission to the museum is just \$8 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens, \$2 off admission for retired and active military, and \$4.50 for students with a valid ID and children ages 6-17. Children under 5 and History Center members get in free.

The Fort Pitt Museum, built in a recreated bastion of the British fort originally constructed in 1759, focuses on the critical role that Western Pennsylvania played during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, and the founding of Pittsburgh. The Fort Pitt Museum is located in Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh. The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, operates the Fort Pitt Museum in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

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The Fort Pitt Museum will temporarily close beginning this Monday, Jan. 1 through Friday, Jan. 26 for exhibition maintenance and updates. Upgrades will include a cleaning of the museum's iconic diorama of the Point during the 1760s.

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