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A Great Day for Hockey: Sports Museum to Unveil New Hockey Exhibit

- The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum at the Heinz History Center will open a new exhibit dedicated to Pittsburgh's hockey history this Saturday, Jan. 26 -

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 24, 2019 – The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum at the Senator John Heinz History Center will drop the puck on a new hockey exhibition, ***A Great Day for Hockey***, beginning this Saturday, Jan. 26.

With the Pittsburgh Penguins' recent success on the ice, the newest Sports Museum exhibition will showcase artifacts from all five Stanley Cup teams, in addition to game-worn equipment from legends like Mario Lemieux, Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, and Marc-Andre Fleury.

Along with documenting the Penguins' franchise, ***A Great Day for Hockey*** tells the fascinating history of the sport of hockey in Pittsburgh, from Olympians like Drury, Brianne McLaughlin, and Paralympian Dan McCoy, to the region's early teams like the Yellow Jackets and Hornets. The exhibit also features game-worn items from the Pittsburgh Pennies – a women's hockey club that competed in the Mid-Atlantic Women's Hockey League.

A Great Day for Hockey will feature can't-miss artifacts including:

- Mario Lemieux's skates and hockey stick;
- A game-worn Sidney Crosby jersey and stick used during his rookie season;
- Helmet and gloves worn by Evgeni Malkin in the 2011 Winter Classic;
- Goalie pads and skates worn by Marc-Andre Fleury;
- A collection of game-used sticks from the 2009 Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins;
- Hockey sticks used by Jaromir Jagr and Ron Francis;
- A Pittsburgh Pennies uniform worn by Jean Lombardi, circa 1972;
- Gold-medalist Paralympian Dan McCoy's hockey sled, helmet, gloves, and boots;
- Herb Drury's 1924 Olympic silver medal (won at the first-ever Winter Olympics, held in Chamonix, France);
- Exterior signage and a piece of roof tile from the Civic Arena.

Sports fans can get in the game with interactive activities for all ages. Visitors can take on the rival Philadelphia Flyers in a game of bubble hockey, shoot and score in an activity inspired by

Sidney Crosby's childhood hockey training, and take a selfie with a lifelike figure of Mario Lemieux hoisting an exact replica of the Stanley Cup.

Kids Free on Opening Day of New Hockey Exhibition

For Opening Day of the new hockey exhibit on Saturday, Jan. 26, **admission to the entire museum is FREE for kids ages 17 and under**, courtesy of **DICK'S Sporting Goods** in conjunction with the History Center's NFL PLAY 60 Training Camp event. Adults must pay regular museum admission: \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors (age 62+), \$9 for students, and free for History Center members.

A Great Day for Hockey, a long-term Sports Museum exhibition, is generously supported by the **Kassling family** and **UPMC**.

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.



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