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## Museum of Discovery and Science Announces Inaugural Visit Lauderdale Science Festival Line Up!

*Get Connected to Inspiring Science at this FREE Family Expo!*

**Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (February 7, 2023)** – The [Museum of Discovery and Science \(MODS\)](#) is pleased to announce the official lineup for the inaugural [Visit Lauderdale Science Festival \(VLSF\)](#), presented by Florida Prepaid College Savings Plans, and there's something for everyone under the sun!

As a trusted leader in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for more than 45 years, MODS has diligently worked to increase access to science education for South Florida's diverse community. The Visit Lauderdale Science Festival will take over downtown Fort Lauderdale with accessible, interactive and fun STEM experiences at the Museum and throughout the Arts & Entertainment District.

“Science festivals bring communities together to celebrate STEM engagement and learning. South Florida has thriving STEM industries that will showcase technology innovations and open minds to careers in our region's major industries,” says **Joseph P. Cox, president & CEO of MODS**. “As big, bold events, science festivals foster a society more comfortable with science and awareness surrounding related issues that generate knowledge, innovation and invention.”

The FREE large-scale Festival connects STEM organizations, companies and educational groups with thousands of families, science-lovers and festival-goers of all ages through an assorted line-up of exciting and interactive experiences.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 | 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. | GULF STREAM BREWING**

- **Science on Tap:** Guests 21+ can mix, mingle and participate in a FREE fun-filled trivia night hosted by MODS educators. Try your chance at winning one of three awesome prizes.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 3 | 6:30 - 10 P.M. | MODS and THE WHARF FORT LAUDERDALE**

- **26th Annual Bank of America Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration at MODS:** Guests 21+ will dine, drink and discover in a venue like no other. Highlights include delectable fare from South Florida's leading restaurants and a vast array of flavorful wines and spirits from around the world, as well as local craft beers.
- **Wine, Spirits and Culinary Celebration After-Party at The Wharf:** The After-Party will take place from 9 to 11:30 p.m. at The Wharf Fort Lauderdale.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4 | 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. | VISIT LAUDERDALE SCIENCE FESTIVAL | MODS AND ESPLANADE PARK**

- **See MODS *Scientastic* Headliners:**
  - *Spheres Bubble Show*, a fusion of art, science and magic as seen on *America's Got Talent!*
  - *The King of Random Team*, a popular YouTube channel explains how things work and the science in everything.
- **Discover Awesome Activities:**
  - **LEGO® Build the Change:** Participate in the LEGO® program as a powerful way to express hopes and dreams for the future with LEGO® bricks and other creative materials, plus your own imagination. Designs can be shared with leaders around the world through social channels.
  - **Maker and STEMobile Challenges for All Ages and Abilities:** Participate in sustainability challenges, from engineering a scribble bot using circuitry powered by solar energy in *The Hangar* Makerspace to building a tower that can withstand extreme weather at the MODS STEMobile.
  - **Build a Better World Challenge:** Meet the finalists! Broward County students ages 12-18 have been challenged to design ideas to reduce waste in our community.
  - **STEM Exhibits, Demos, Live Shows and More All-Day Long!**

- **Catch an IMAX on the GIANT Screen**

- **Science on Screen Environmental Film Series:** Watch award-winning documentary films that will transport you from the ancient past to the most remote parts of our world today. The Film Festival panelists are Gregory von Hausch, president & CEO of the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival; Gina Glen, director of film distribution with IMAX and Jonathan Bird, filmmaker and director. Films include:

- *Dinosaurs of Antarctica 3D*
- *Into America's Wild 3D*
- *Dream Big 3D*
- *Astronaut: From Ocean to Orbit*
- *Beautiful Planet 3D*
- *Ancient Caves 3D – speaker panel*
- *First Man / Sloan Title – Sloan*

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Partners include Brightline, Broward Area STEM Ecosystem (BASE), Broward County Public Schools, City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University Extreme Events Institute, Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival and Riverwalk.

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**ABOUT THE VISIT LAUDERDALE SCIENCE FESTIVAL:**

The Visit Lauderdale Science Festival (VLSF) brings together leaders in STEM, with families and science-lovers of all ages and abilities to celebrate the wonder of science, showcase technology innovations and open minds to STEM careers in our region's major industries! Powered by the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS), the **FREE** Festival inspires our community to connect, create, innovate and celebrate STEM in our lives. This two-day science fest features spectacular events, environmental films, engaging exhibitors and exciting demonstrations to make science accessible, interactive and fun! The Festival welcomes individuals from all walks of life to experience and

discover inspiring science. It is open to everyone: individuals and families with physical and emotional disabilities and all levels of education, social and economic status. We embrace our truly diverse community including every family structure, ethnicity, religion, gender identification and sexual orientation. All are welcome here. For more information, please visit [scienceunderthesun.org](http://scienceunderthesun.org).

### **ABOUT THE MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY AND SCIENCE:**

Founded in 1976 as the Discovery Center, today the Museum of Discovery and Science (MODS) is at the forefront of science education, innovation and exploration. MODS connects people to inspiring science, providing STEM education and cultural experiences for 450,000+ visitors annually in the 150,000 sq. ft. facility. MODS is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that has been accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) for three decades (only 3% of science museums are accredited for excellence and leadership in the field). In the past year, MODS has added to that distinction by being named Broward's Hub for Resilience Education by the Board of the Community Foundation of Broward, selected by the LEGO Foundation as one of only 12 museums nationwide to join the Playful Learning Museum Network and was selected as one of 15 finalists for the prestigious 2022 IMLS National Medal for Museum Service. The Museum celebrates diversity and welcomes visitors from all walks of life. The Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. MODS is located downtown at 401 SW Second Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312. For more information about the Museum, please visit [mods.org](http://mods.org) or call 954.467.MODS (6637).

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### **ABOUT VISIT LAUDERDALE:**

Visit Lauderdale is the official destination marketing organization for Greater Fort Lauderdale and serves as the tourism department for Broward County, Florida. Visit Lauderdale promotes the area's 31 municipalities to a global audience of leisure and business travelers as the ideal place for 'Everyone Under the Sun 'in recognition of the area's diverse and welcoming vibe, and books conventions into the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center and Area hotels and resorts. Find more information at [visitlauderdale.com](http://visitlauderdale.com) and follow @VisitLauderdale on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.

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