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T/m OPENS NEW EXHIBIT AT UNION STATION

“The Way We Played” premieres with “The Art of the Brick”

January 25, 2018 (KANSAS CITY, MO) – The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures (T/m) is proud to present the exhibition, *The Way We Played*, at Union Station starting on January 25, 2018. In a first-time collaboration, the exhibit featuring toys from the T/m collection will greet visitors on their way to *The Art of the Brick* exhibition.

Our toys reflect our place in time, the values our parents held dear, and the technological advances of our society. But the way we used them to shape our stories, the way we played, is our own. These rich personal experiences are the heartbeat of The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures. The stories featured in *The Way We Played* reflect T/m’s dedication to the preservation of toys and the tender recollections of those who treasured them.

The Art of the Brick is the world’s largest and most elaborate display of LEGO art. Featuring more than 115 incredible works of art made out of millions of LEGO bricks from contemporary artists Nathan Sawaya, *The Art of the Brick* and *The Way We Played* will be on view through May 28, 2018.

- WHAT:** *The Way We Played*
- WHERE:** Union Station
30 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64108
- WHEN:** January 25 – May 28, 2018

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF TOYS AND MINIATURES

The National Museum of Toy and Miniatures educates, inspires, and delights adults and children through the museum’s collection and preservation of toys and miniatures. Located on the University of Missouri - Kansas City campus, the museum exhibits the world’s largest collection of fine-scale miniatures and one of the nation’s largest collections of antique toys. For more information, call (816) 235-8000 or visit www.toyandminiaturemuseum.org.



ABOUT NATHAN SAWAYA AND THE ART OF THE BRICK

Former NYC corporate lawyer turned contemporary artist, Nathan Sawaya is the first artist ever to take the LEGO brick into the art world as a medium. Sawaya has earned a top position in the world of contemporary art and has created a new dimension by merging Pop Art and Surrealism in awe-inspiring and groundbreaking ways. Sawaya's touring exhibition – THE ART OF THE BRICK® – has entertained and inspired millions of art lovers and enthusiasts around the world. CNN heralded, THE ART OF THE BRICK is one of the top ten "must-see exhibits in the world!" Sawaya is an author, speaker and one of the most popular, award-winning contemporary artists of our time. For more information, visit WWW.BRICKARTIST.COM.

ABOUT UNION STATION KANSAS CITY

Union Station—a 501(c)3 non-profit organization—is a 103-year-old historical landmark and celebrated civic asset renovated and reopened to the public in 1999. Recently awarded "Best Attraction," "Favorite Family Attraction," and "Favorite Historic Attraction," the organization—dedicated to science education, celebration of community, and preservation of history—is home to Kansas City's internationally-awarded Science City; the new Arvin Gottlieb Planetarium; the Regnier Extreme Screen Theatre; the popular Model Railroad Experience; H&R Block City Stage featuring live theater, and a selection of unique shops and restaurants. Union Station is also home to prominent area civic organizations and businesses, and regularly hosts world-class traveling exhibitions. Awarded "Top Banquet Facilities in KC" by KC Business Journal, the facility regularly hosts community events and private celebrations of all sizes. Visit unionstation.org for details.

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