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Prestigious Bronze Sculptures to Populate Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

So... be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea, you're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So... get on your way!

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

For the generations of readers whose imaginations took flight in the lyrical world of Dr. Seuss, *today really is your day!*

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is opening a sculpture garden populated by such memorable characters as The Cat in the Hat, Yertle the Turtle, and Horton the Elephant. Six bronze statues—which stand over four feet tall, the perfect size for family photos—now line the walkway on the north side of the building leading to the entrance of the Nancy Lee Bass Fort Worth Museum School.

The sculpture donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, is a longtime benefactor of the Museum and continues a family tradition of supporting Fort Worth and local organizations. Van A. Romans, President of the Museum, thanked the donor and said he was thrilled to accept the sculptures on behalf of the Museum.

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is the only **Museum** in the United States to have the complete collection permanently on exhibition. Similar Dr. Seuss sculptures have appeared in the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago and the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Arkansas. The Museum is proud to present this gift to the community to enjoy for many years to come.

"This permanent installation pays tribute to the shared attributes of ingenuity, imagination, originality and unconditional fun."

-Art of Dr. Seuss Collection Curator Bill Dreyer

About Dr. Seuss

Theodor Seuss Geisel, who started his career as a cartoonist, wrote 44 books as "Dr. Seuss," and created dozens of beloved characters. Geisel died at the age of 87 in 1991. During his career, he won two Academy Awards, two Emmy awards, a Peabody award, and the Pulitzer Prize. His works have been adapted into television specials, films, and a Broadway musical.

About the Bronze Tribute Collection

It has been nearly twenty-five years since Dr. Seuss passed away, yet his lasting legacy remains a vital component of our social and educational culture. His impact on the 20th and 21st century American art scene was profound, with many of today's most well-known artists citing Dr. Seuss as a key influence in their own artistic development. To celebrate his artistic legacy, a bronze tribute collection of iconic sculpture was created to pay homage to Ted Geisel's books, characters, and lasting messages.

Because of his work with talented filmmakers like Tim Burton, Ang Lee, and Steven Spielberg, artist Leo Rijn was selected to create a Tribute Collection of bronze sculptures based on Dr. Seuss's most beloved books and characters. Rijn has been identified for his ability to transform two-dimensional ideas into three-dimensional artworks, and in 1998 Universal Studios commissioned Leo to develop and oversee the working models for Dr. Seuss sculptures and architecture at Seuss Landing in Orlando, Florida.

About the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History

Established in 1941 and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, anchored by its rich collections, is an institution dedicated to lifelong learning. The Museum engages children and adult guests through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. The new \$85-million campus opened in November 2009 marking the culmination of an extensive multiyear fundraising campaign. The Museum is open daily, except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. For more information about the Museum, visit www.fortworthmuseum.org or call 817-255-9300.