

Community Partners



- John Wai and students from John Wai Kung Fu Academy performed Chinese dragon and lion dances during the opening of Dragon Skies.
- Jack Horkheimer, Executive Director of the Miami Space Transit Planetarium and Creator, Writer and Host of Star Hustler/Star Gazer, presented Mars, Halloween and the Seven Sinister Sisters.
- Museum visitors frolicked in 25 tons of snow in conjunction with the IMAX® holiday film, The Polar Express 3D, which remained popular its second season.
- Deep Sea 3D opening weekend included presentations by Shark Expert Neil Hammerschlag, Marine Animal Rescue Society, as well as live shark feedings, Incredible Invertebrates demonstrations, and a mini Submarine.

- Spring break activities allowed guests to take a free test dive at The Scuba Tour 20'x40' pool at the Museum and learn about scuba diving from local diving professionals and Ocean Fest Dive and Adventure Sports Show representatives. Scuba Radio was also on hand for a live radio broadcast.
- 54 community partners participated in Museum annual events: World Ocean Day, Earth Day, and Meet the Animals Day.
- A Cultural Tourism grant from Broward Cultural Division helped to support "extreme environment" activities to attract tourists during the summer pairing of Deep Sea 3D and the Aliens exhibit.
- In-kind advertising of over \$200,000 from the Sun Sentinel supported Museum marketing efforts.
- The State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs awarded the Museum a \$427,000 grant for repairs and renovation. Funds were used to enhance public safety, increase energy and sound efficiencies, improve the appearance of the Museum exterior and exhibit halls, and renovate the Blockbuster® IMAX® 3D Theater.
- Three fantastic speakers made presentations for the opening of Aliens: Worlds of Possibilities exhibit: Investigator James Randi; UFO Expert Dr. Sanchez-Ocejo; and Dr. Seth Shostak, Senior Astronomer at the SETI Institute.
- The South Florida Water Management District awarded the Museum \$75,000 for operations and maintenance of the Florida EcoScapes exhibit and programs.
- Broward County Cultural Division granted \$131,000 for repairs to the Great Gravity Clock and other facility damage caused by Hurricane Wilma.



Hollydogs Greyhound Adoption Agency helped open the SPEED exhibit with several other community groups including Homestead Miami Speedway, Team Pines Speed Skating, Supreme Marine Speed Boats, and New Auto Toy Store.

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