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EXCLUSIVE TITANIC ARTEFACTS EXHIBITION BOUND FOR MELBOURNE

More than 200 artefacts recovered from the famed Titanic are set to captivate audiences across Melbourne, with the *TITANIC: The Artefact Exhibition* taking over Melbourne Museum for an Australian exclusive.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos announced the exhibition will run from 16 December 2023 to 14 April 2024 direct from a sold-out season in Paris, attracting visitors from near and far to the heart of Melbourne for this immersive exhibition.

The iconic story of the *Titanic* and its ill-fated maiden voyage has continued to captivate, educate and break hearts in the 111 years since it sank to the bottom of the ocean.

The exhibition will feature meticulously recreated ship interiors including the Grand Staircase, First Class Parlor Suite and Verandah Cafe to give visitors an insight into the grandeur of the world's greatest ocean liner in 1912.

Visitors to the exhibition will receive a boarding pass and step on board to connect to the human side of the tragedy through personal stories and possessions of passengers and crew who faced unimaginable circumstances.

New in 2023, the refreshed exhibition will feature a touchable piece of the *Titanic* hull alongside the vast collection of authentic objects salvaged from the sea floor.

TITANIC: The Artefact Exhibition will also explore the enduring fascination from the media and the public showing how the event has inspired films, books, songs, and artworks that continue to captivate audiences across generations.

The preeminent *Titanic* exhibition, affiliated with RMS *Titanic* – the only company permitted by law to recover artefacts from the wreckage – is expected to drive interstate and international visitors to the State.

This major exhibition joins Melbourne's blockbuster summer of events alongside the Australian-exclusive season of *Groundhog Day The Musical*, NGV Triennial, BBC Earth Experience, the Boxing Day Test and Australian Open.

Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"The tragedy of the Titanic is known around the world, but there are so many personal stories and historic details to uncover through this illuminating exhibition proudly brought to Melbourne Museum with support from the Government."

Quote attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks

"TITANIC: The Artefact Exhibition will be a great addition to our cultural calendar, and we look forward to welcoming visitors to Melbourne for this Australian exclusive exhibition."

Quotes attributable to Museums Victoria CEO and Director Lynley Crosswell

"Tragedy, heroism, sacrifice, survival and loss – these are themes the Titanic evokes which continue to resonate today, with people of all ages across the globe."

"We are thrilled to welcome this global blockbuster to Melbourne Museum."

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