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## **Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Offers Fort Worth The “Oak Room” – An Elegant Special Event Space**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History introduces a new special event space, the “Oak Room,” available for public rental. Named for the beautiful Heritage Live Oak tree in the Courtyard – which is just across the hall – this elegant 3,400 square-foot room features architectural elements unique to the internationally renowned architects from Mexico City, Legorreta + Legorreta.

In keeping with the theme of maximizing the use of light throughout the new building, the room is fitted with custom onyx sconces on the east and west walls for indirect lighting. The walls are lined with Wayne’s Coat, combining American Cherry with a signature Legorreta textured wall. Design Architect for Legorreta + Legorreta, Samuel Aguilar, said the American Cherry was used because of its rich color and because it was available locally.

The symmetrical room can be sized to accommodate small events with movable partitions, separating the room into Oak Room West and Oak Room East. The full Oak Room can accommodate up to 250 people. In addition to the Oak Room, guests can rent exhibit spaces and the Heritage Courtyard. The Oak Room is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, allowing for a variety of events ranging from an educational program or awards ceremony to a luncheon, wedding, or birthday celebration.

The Heritage Courtyard is a splendid example of a Legorreta + Legorreta design element – a “patio” that creates a strong interaction between interior and exterior spaces. With large glass panels on three sides, the Courtyard incorporates bright jacaranda blue walls and an existing live oak tree with an immense 40-foot canopy with a minimalist water fountain and reflecting pool.

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In recognition of the Foundation’s generous contribution to the Museum’s capital campaign to construct the new building, brushed aluminum lettering on the entrance to the room will designate the space as the “Amon G. Carter Foundation Oak Room.”

Executive Director, Projects and Operations for the Museum, Amy Duncan, describes the room as flexible and fit for multi-use. The room is self-contained for video and sound. Technological capabilities within the Oak Room include:

- Retractable screens;
- Hidden projector;
- Input panels, such as VGA cords;
- Disc jockey set up;
- Controllable lighting and sound;
- Built-in DVD player;
- Ceiling speakers;
- Wireless internet accessibility;
- Floor pockets with retractable plug-in cords;
- Wireless and hand-held microphones.

The room has a high sound rating because the ceiling is designed with a system to absorb and detangle sound waves, which minimizes reverberation.

Sodexo Leisure Services, a leader in serving cultural destinations, provides full catering services for the Oak Room. The Room is available to rent during operating hours; however, Museum exhibit spaces will be available for rental after 5 p.m. More information about the Oak Room can be found on the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History’s Web site: [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org). Rental inquiries should be directed to Sodexo Sales Representatives, who can provide rental rates and event coordination.

### **About the Museum**

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Days. For more information about the Museum visit [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org) or call 817-255-9300.

In 1939, the Fort Worth Council of Administrative Women in Education presented a successful proposal to the City Council for the creation of a children's museum in Fort Worth. Chartered with the State of Texas in 1941 as the “Fort Worth Children’s Museum,” the new \$80 million FWMSH campus marks the culmination of an extensive multi-year fund-raising campaign following a comprehensive planning effort. Dedicated to life-long learning and anchored by its rich collections, the Museum engages school children and adult visitors through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. For more than six decades, the FWMSH has provided learning opportunities for tens of thousands of area children annually among its million visitors each year, making it one of the most popular cultural attractions in North Texas.

The new Museum building, created by internationally acclaimed architects Legorreta + Legorreta with Gideon Toal, is located in the heart of Fort Worth’s Cultural District. The world-class, 166,000 square-foot facility features a collection of new, interactive exhibits and programs developed by the Museum’s staff and a team of nationally recognized designers in support of the Museum’s dedication to informal, discovery-based learning for all.

The new Museum’s environment of learning comprises state-of-the-art interactive exhibitions and components including: Energy Blast; the Fort Worth Children’s Museum; the Cattle Raisers Museum; the Noble Planetarium; Omni IMAX® Theater; DinoLabs/DinoDig® – featuring the State Dinosaur of Texas, *Paluxysaurus jonesi*; Innovation Studios/Innovation Gallery; and the 60-year-old Museum School.