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## **Myriad of Educational Opportunities Offered Alongside Grand Rapids Public Museum's "BODIES REVEALED" Exhibition**

Grand Rapids, MI (November 17, 2010) – *BODIES REVEALED* will open at the Grand Rapids Public Museum November 20, 2010 and run through May 1, 2011. The Museum's ultimate goal in bringing this phenomenal exhibition to Grand Rapids is to foster education in the health sciences and to inspire the next generation of health care workers who will support the region's burgeoning health sciences corridor. To that end, the Museum has created parallel programming and educational options so that guests can extend their learning beyond the exhibit hall.

The ***Wonder of Life*** – Redux  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bradford Gallery

The Public Museum has engaged the community in conversations about the human body for a long time. In 1970, the Museum partnered with the Kent County Medical Society to open the popular *Wonder of Life* exhibit at its 54 Jefferson Avenue facility. In a nod to the past, our new temporary exhibit reflects upon human anatomy and science learning experiences from forty years ago and creates a unique context in which to explore the medical marvels of today. Free with general admission.

### **Our Bodies in Space @ the Planetarium**

Learn how the extreme heat, cold, vacuum and radiation of space affect the human body during long-term space travel. Daily @ 2 pm and Tuesday @ 8 pm November 20 – January 2. Additional show times will be added beginning January 3.

### **Topics in Health Care Lecture Series**

Health care experts will provide updates on local initiatives and breakthroughs, and hot health care topics. Join us Tuesday nights for more advanced discussions and Saturday afternoons for all-ages-appropriate forays into learning.

#### **Tuesday nights @ 7 pm**

**January 18, February 1, March 1 & 22, and April 19**

Dr. Asghar Khaghani kicks off the series on January 18 with a presentation on "Surgery of the Heart." Dr. Khaghani has recently joined Spectrum Health to head up their heart transplant team.

Topics for subsequent weeks include heart health, new techniques in knee and spine surgery, and reconstructive plastic surgery.

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**Saturday afternoons @ 1 pm  
January 15, February 19, March 19 and April 2**

The schedule includes the return of the daVinci surgery robot, the latest on allergies, and a visit from local EMTs.

Get up-to-date information at [grmuseum.org](http://grmuseum.org) beginning in late December.

**BODIES REVEALED Life Drawing Nights**

Artists are invited to further explore the mastery of human anatomy drawing after Museum hours. Limited space is available and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Dry media only. Must be 16 or older and classes are welcome. Exhibition admission rates apply. Wednesdays from 6-9 pm: December 8, 2010, and February 2 and 23, March 23 and April 13, 2011. (Doors will close at 6:30 pm. No late arrivals.)

Additionally, there will be opportunities for visitors to interact with health care professionals within the BODIES REVEALED Exhibition. "We have offers to volunteer from health care professionals, medical doctors, anatomy professors and the like—to help our visitors understand the complexity of the body and our responsibility to care for it properly," says Dale Robertson, the Museum's CEO/President. "We are filling shifts now, and hope to have the program running during our busiest hours: weekends from 12:30 – 3:30 pm, and weekdays from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm."

The Public Museum is a collector of treasures, a motivator and resource for life-long learning, and a community partner in the pursuit of insight and understanding. The Museum's recently launched new logo depicts the iconic carousel pavilion over the river. For information, go to [grmuseum.org](http://grmuseum.org) or call 616/456-3977.

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