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***The Art of the Brick* exhibition extended at ArtScience Museum** *Popular demand holds exhibition till 26 May 2013*

Singapore (26 February 2013) – Originally slated to close on 14 April, *The Art of The Brick* exhibition has been extended to 26 May 2013 due to overwhelming response. Visitors who have not had the opportunity to witness one of acclaimed brick artist Nathan Sawaya's most impressive works – a six-meter-long T-Rex skeleton that took three months to complete – will now have a chance to do so.

A new puppetry workshop that complements Sawaya's creative showcase will also be introduced with the exhibition's extension. Based on the exhibits in *The Art of the Brick*, children of all ages will be able to make their own shadow puppets at The Art of Play gallery every Sunday from March to May 2013. In conjunction with the new workshop, *The Art of the Brick* will continue to offer visitors a chance to take part in two well-received workshops through the exhibit. Playing with Patterns is a colourful workshop that provides instruction on how to use LEGO[®] bricks to create a variety of print patterns on different surfaces. Also offered is a stop motion workshop that allows visitors to write, direct and produce their own 15-second stop motion film inspired by the works on display in *The Art of the Brick*.



Brick-building station, RAIN



Another interactive component - Shadow Play!

The various galleries within the exhibition provide a number of interactive opportunities that engage all visitors. Among these are: RAIN, a brick-building station where visitors can construct a 3-dimensional raindrop from LEGO® bricks; Shadow Play!, an area for individuals to strike a pose and cast a silhouette shadow relevant to the work on display; and Mosaic Portraits, a kiosk that allows visitors to create a mosaic portrait of themselves using a unique digital photo application.

Many visitors have provided positive feedback regarding their experience at *The Art of the Brick* exhibition, including its creative programming and interactive components. Among these are the following:

“The exhibition was definitely an eye opener, seeing a small little piece of LEGO® being transformed into a beautiful art piece. My wife, daughter & myself were really amazed by the ingenious imagination of the creator (Nathan Sawaya).” (Jackie Tan, Singaporean, 46)

“After witnessing Nathan Sawaya’s works in all the galleries, I felt very inspired and had the opportunity to create my own artworks with the stop motion and Playing with Patterns workshops. The Art of the Brick exemplifies how creativity has no boundaries and how art can be accessible to everyone.” (Tow Huiwen, Singaporean, 28)

The Art of the Brick is the first exhibition of Sawaya’s work in Southeast Asia. With 52 large-scale sculptures created using solely LEGO® bricks in the showcase, it is the largest collection of Sawaya’s pieces ever presented at one venue.

All of the exhibition’s programming and interactive elements are available along with the purchase of a ticket to *The Art of the Brick*. Information regarding tickets to *The Art of the Brick* exhibition and timings of the programmes can be found at

www.marinabaysands.com/ArtScienceMuseum

ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands is known as the museum that celebrates creativity, the processes at the heart of art and science, and their role in shaping society. The Museum seeks to understand what drives creative people, how they acquire and use their skills, and how the world around us is changed because of it. ArtScience Museum presents exhibitions and programmes to deliver these stories using a combination of beautiful design, intriguing content and intellectual discussion, in order to inspire the creativity in all of us.

Featuring 21 gallery spaces totalling 50,000 square feet, the boldly iconic lotus-inspired ArtScience Museum is also the premier venue for major international touring exhibitions from the most renowned collections in the world. Since it opened in 2011, ArtScience Museum has been home to some of the best-attended exhibitions in Singapore, including “Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition”, “Harry Potter: The Exhibition”, “Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes Eternal”; and “Dali: Mind of a Genius”. “Fujians: The Blue Ocean Legacy” is the latest and the twelfth exhibition to be staged at ArtScience Museum.

ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands was awarded TripAdvisor’s Certificate of Excellence in 2012, earning a top rating of 4.0 out of 5. This recognition places the museum amid a select group of attractions that have been recognised by worldwide travellers for providing outstanding tourist experiences.

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