

# TITANIC

THE ARTIFACT EXHIBITION



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## **KANSAS CITY SELECTED TO HOST THE DRAMATIC STORY OF *TITANIC* ON THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ITS VOYAGE.**

(Kansas City, November 29, 2011) – On April 15, 1912, *Titanic*, the world's largest ship, sank after colliding with an iceberg claiming more than 1,500 lives and subsequently altering the world's confidence in modern technology. 100 years later, Union Station Kansas City will pay tribute to the tragedy which continues to resonate through *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, where more than 300 legendary artifacts conserved from the Ship's debris field is showcased offering visitors a poignant look at this iconic ship and its passengers.

"We are pleased Kansas City was selected as the location to host *Titanic* for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ship's voyage," said George Guastello, president and CEO of Union Station. "Union Station has been Kansas City's home for exciting exhibitions in recent years and our staff looks forward to providing an unforgettable experience with this incredible offering."

The Exhibition has been designed with a focus on the legendary RMS *Titanic*'s compelling human stories, as best told through authentic artifacts and extensive room re-creations. Perfume from a maker who was traveling to New York to sell his samples, china etched with the logo of the elite White Star Line and many other authentic objects offer haunting, emotional connections to lives abruptly ended or forever altered.

Visitors are quickly drawn back in time to 1912 upon entrance, as each receives a replica boarding pass of an actual passenger aboard *Titanic*. They then begin their chronological journey through the life of the *Titanic*, moving through the ship's construction, to life on board, to the ill-



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fated sinking and amazing artifact rescue efforts. They will marvel at the re-created stair case, and press their palms against an iceberg while learning of countless stories of heroism and humanity.

One of the many galleries will be dedicated to local connections, where visitors can learn about how the sinking of the great ship strongly resonated in Kansas City. In the "Memorial Gallery" guests will take their boarding pass to the memorial wall and discover whether their passenger and traveling companions survived or perished.

Over the past 15 years, more than 22 million people have seen this powerful exhibition in major museums worldwide - from Chicago to Los Angeles and Paris to London. RMS Titanic, Inc. is the only company permitted by law to recover objects from the wreck of the *Titanic*. The Company was granted Salvor-in-Possession rights to the wreck site of *Titanic* by a United States federal court in 1994 and has conducted seven research and recovery expeditions to the *Titanic* rescuing more than 5,500 artifacts.

**WHAT: TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition**

**WHEN: Opens March 2012**

**WHERE: Bank of America Grand Gallery at Union Station Kansas City**

**TICKETS: Member Ticket Only \$10, Adult Ticket \$19.12, Group Discounts Available**

**INFORMATION: [www.titanic.unionstation.org](http://www.titanic.unionstation.org) or (816) 460.1912**

**About Union Station Kansas City, Inc.**

Union Station Kansas City is a historical landmark and civic asset renovated and reopened to the public in 1999. The organization, driven by its mission of science and history education and entertainment, features a science center, the popular Model Railroad Experience open year round, new planetarium, one of the region's largest screen movie theaters, live theater, shops, restaurants and home to prominent area civic organizations and businesses. Visit [unionstation.org](http://unionstation.org) for details.

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