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End of an Era: Children’s Museum at MOAS to Be Deinstalled for Fall Exhibition

Daytona Beach, FL — Big changes are taking shape at the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MOAS) as we begin the first phase of a major campus expansion and renovation. These updates will refresh key areas of the Museum and create new opportunities for learning, exploration, and inspiration for visitors of all ages, now and in the years ahead.

Since opening its doors on November 8, 2008, the Children’s Museum has served as a beloved destination for hands-on learning and playful opportunities. Over the past 17 years, it has offered thousands of families and young learners a welcoming environment to imagine, build, and discover. On Friday, August 8, 2025, the Children’s Museum will close to the public at 5:00 p.m., with preparations for its transformation beginning the following day.

While the exhibit itself will not return, its impact will live on. The Museum will donate many of the Children’s Museum interactive elements and educational resources to Burns Sci Tech. Where they will continue to support and inspire creative learning. In celebration of this meaningful transition, MOAS invites the community to stop by a special table outside the exhibit on August 8 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. to share written or illustrated memories, stories, and reflections.

Stepping into the future, the Museum is proud to announce the opening of *Expedition Dinosaur* on Saturday, October 11, 2025. This all-new immersive exhibition will feature massive animatronic dinosaurs, engaging fossil displays, and interactive learning stations designed to spark curiosity in guests of all ages. MOAS invites all visitors to join in honoring the legacy of the Children’s Museum while embracing the thrilling adventures to come.

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The Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) in Daytona Beach has been Central Florida’s hub for art, science, and history since 1955 and is proudly celebrating 70 years of service. A Smithsonian Affiliate and accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, MOAS features engaging exhibitions, planetarium shows, and programs for all ages. Located at 352 S. Nova Road, the Museum is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.–5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission includes access to the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art; planetarium shows require an additional fee. Volusia County residents receive free admission on the first Tuesday of each month. For details, visit www.moas.org or call 386.255.0285. Exhibits and dates subject to change.