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## Immersive Art Experience Drifts to Navy Pier

*The popular **Floating Museum** is re-envisioned on the lakefront, offering enriched arts and cultural programming during its three-week run near the Pier's City Stage*

*September 14 through Sunday, October 8*

**CHICAGO** – Untethered by the confines of brick and mortar, **Floating Museum** moves to its next location at Navy Pier – Chicago’s mission-driven cultural district – with an installation that highlights arts and culture. From Thursday, **September 14 through Sunday, October 8**, guests can experience this free public installation through sculpture, digital work and performances.

Floating Museum began as a conceptual art and design project with a focus on exploring the cultural capital present in Chicago spaces outside of the downtown corridor. Building on that initial premise, Floating Museum has expanded the Chicago arts scene by literally “floating” from one Chicago neighborhood to another with each installation taking form through collaboration with the local artists and organizations that reside within Chicago’s diverse neighborhoods.

Led by co-directors Jeremiah Hulsebos-Spofford, Faheem Majeed, Andrew Shachman, and Avery R. Young, Floating Museum is a captivating art installation that will be stationed near the City Stage on Navy Pier’s new Polk Bros Park Performance Lawns. This public space will be transformed into a site-specific installation that taps into Chicago’s creative communities and honors the city’s history.

“Over the next few weeks, Navy Pier will proudly serve as home to this dynamic and innovative exhibit,” said Navy Pier Chief Program and Civic Engagement Officer Michelle T. Boone. “Floating Museum superbly complements our mission of inspiring discovery and wonder while embodying the true spirit of Chicago and its talented artists. We are excited to welcome this incredible installation that celebrates Chicago’s diverse and eclectic communities.”

Different versions of Floating Museum have been installed across the city in South Chicago, Austin, Hyde Park and West Pullman. Most recently, Floating Museum took to water by floating up the Chicago River and docking at Bridgeport’s Park 571 and Downtown at the Riverwalk.

Floating Museum is free and open to the public, serving as another shining example of Navy Pier’s commitment as a mission-driven cultural organization, with continued focus on offering dynamic and eclectic experiences through meaningful partnerships and programs. As the *Fifth Third Bank Centennial Celebration* continues in 2017, the Pier looks forward to introducing more exciting and innovative year-round programming for guests to experience and enjoy for free. Navy Pier cultural and community programming is supported by the Polk Bros. Foundation. For more information on this and other special offerings at the Pier, visit [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com).

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### **About Floating Museum**

Floating Museum is a collaborative arts organization that creates temporary, site-responsive museum spaces to activate sites of cultural potential throughout Chicago's neighborhoods. They engage local artists, historians, and organizations in events that challenge traditional museum thinking and generate community engagement and conversation. Floating Museum is co-directed by Jeremiah Hulsebos-Spoofford, Faheem Majeed, Andrew Schachman, and Avery R Young. For more information, visit [www.floatingmuseum.org](http://www.floatingmuseum.org).

### **Navy Pier Mission Statement**

*Navy Pier is the People's Pier, Chicago's lakefront treasure, welcoming all and offering dynamic and eclectic experiences through partnerships and programs that inspire discovery and wonder.*

### **About Navy Pier**

Located on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier is Chicago's mission-driven cultural district, designed to inspire, educate and connect communities. A nonprofit since 2011, Navy Pier is free and accessible to all. It has the autonomy to act in ways that serve the greater good, with support from the corporate and philanthropic community to create impact where it matters most. Stretching more than six city blocks and welcoming more than 9 million guests annually, Navy Pier offers year-round accessibility to its guests and forms an elegant canvas for the unexpected. Originally opened in 1916 as a shipping and recreation facility, the Pier features more than 50 acres of public parks, restaurants, attractions, retail shops, exposition facilities and more. Navy Pier continues to celebrate its centennial with a series of special events and programming, year-round rides on the Centennial Wheel and ongoing pier-wide redevelopment efforts. More information is available at [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com).