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## ***Bodies Revealed* Opens at the Connecticut Science Center September 21**

*Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute (CJRI) at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center presents Blockbuster Exhibit*

**Hartford, CT**– Sept. 12, 2013 – The Connecticut Science Center introduces the fascinating blockbuster exhibit, *BODIES REVEALED*, this fall, presented locally by the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute (CJRI) at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center. The internationally touring exhibit is produced by Premier Exhibitions, Inc., and will be on display September 21 through January 5 in the Saint Francis Care Traveling Exhibit Gallery on the Science Center’s fourth floor.

“*Bodies Revealed* is an important educational event that the public should experience,” said Dr. Steve Schutzer, CJRI’s Medical Director. “It gives visitors a chance to see what only doctors generally can: the amazing and complex systems that work within the human body. Viewing this exhibition will inspire a greater understanding and appreciation of how magnificent and complicated our own bodies really are.”

“This Exhibition offers a powerful insight into the wonder and intricacies of the human body,” said Matt Fleury, Connecticut Science Center President and CEO. “The human body is a most extraordinary creation, and we increasingly find that knowledge of our bodies must be the domain of the individual as well as medical professionals. From the unimaginably intricate engineering of joints to the unforgiving effects of unhealthy lifestyles, *Bodies Revealed* is a truly eye-opening and educational experience.”

The *BODIES REVEALED* exhibition will offer Connecticut Science Center visitors an opportunity to see inside carefully preserved anatomical specimens and learn the detailed structure and function of the human body. The Exhibition takes visitors through galleries providing an up-close look inside the skeletal, muscular, reproductive, respiratory, circulatory and other systems of the human body. Many of the whole-body specimens are displayed in vivid athletic poses, allowing the visitor to relate them to everyday activities. In addition, specimens illustrate the damage caused to organs by over-eating and lack of exercise. A healthy lung is featured next to a black lung ravaged by smoking in a vivid comparison more powerful than any textbook image.

The human body specimens in the Exhibition are preserved through a revolutionary technique called polymer preservation. In this process, human tissue is permanently preserved using liquid silicone rubber that is treated and hardened. The end result is a rubberized specimen, preserved to the cellular level, showcasing the complexity of the body’s many bones, muscles, nerves, blood vessels and organs. The full-body specimens can take more than a year to prepare.

The popular educational exhibit will appeal to visitors spanning a wide range of ages and interests and will add to the robust offering of more than 165 permanent exhibits always on display at one of Connecticut’s premier learning and tourism destinations. Connecticut Science Center members can look forward to an

exclusive preview of the new exhibit before it opens to the general public. Entry to the *BODIES REVEALED* exhibit is included free with the purchase of General Admission or Membership.

The Exhibition is currently receiving worldwide acclaim, attracting nearly 15 million visitors from cities around the world. Premier Exhibitions, Inc. is a major provider of museum-quality touring exhibitions throughout the world. Special thanks to the media sponsor, The Hartford Courant.

WHAT: BODIES REVEALED

WHEN: September 21, 2013 – January 5, 2014

WHERE: Connecticut Science Center, 250 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT 06103

TICKETS: Standard General Admission includes all-day access to *Bodies Revealed* and four other Science Center floors filled with 165+ exhibits  
\$19 Adults, \$14 Youth (Ages 4 – 18), \$16.50 Seniors (65+), Ages 3 and under are FREE  
Discounts for groups of 15 or more are available.

A great way to see *BODIES REVEALED* and all of the Science Center's upcoming traveling exhibits is to become a Connecticut Science Center member. Members enjoy unlimited visits for a full year plus great perks like members-only previews, \$5 flat-rate parking in the Science Center garage, and discounts at the café and gift shop, as well as discounted birthday party packages and camp tuition. The fully tax-deductible membership is available online, by phone or in person at the ticket counter. To purchase membership and learn more, visit [www.CTScienceCenter.org](http://www.CTScienceCenter.org).

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**About the Connecticut Science Center** The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Serving 1.4 million people since opening in 2009, the Science Center features more than 165 exhibits in ten galleries and a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store and café, and ongoing events for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. The Connecticut Science Center is also the home to the **Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Academy for Teachers**, offering powerful Professional Development for educators. More information: [www.CTScienceCenter.org](http://www.CTScienceCenter.org) or 860.SCIENCE.

**About Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute (CJRI)** The Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute at Saint Francis opened in July 2007. Since then its surgeons have performed over 14,000 joint replacement surgeries, making it one of the largest in the United States. CJRI provides patients with the highest quality, most comprehensive, efficient, state-of-art joint replacement treatments in a compassionate and caring environment. Functioning as a "hospital within a hospital," CJRI has a Joint Replacement Registry that reports patient safety and outcomes data for continued quality improvement initiatives and also provides the platform for an innovative Bundled Payment Program (the *Step Ahead Plan*).

### **About Saint Francis Care**

Saint Francis *Care* is an integrated healthcare delivery system established by Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. Licensed for 617 beds and 65 bassinets, it is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other major entities of Saint Francis *Care* include The Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Saint Francis/Mount Sinai Regional Cancer Center, the Joyce D. and Andrew J. Mandell Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Care and Neuroscience Research, and Saint Francis HealthCare Partners. Johnson Memorial Medical Center, parent organization of Johnson Memorial Hospital, Evergreen Health Care Center, and Home and Community Health Services is also a Saint Francis *Care* Partner. Saint Francis *Care*'s services are supported by a network of seven major Access Centers and eight additional medical office centers sited throughout the region. For more information, visit [www.stfranciscare.com](http://www.stfranciscare.com).

### **About Premier Exhibitions, Inc.**

Premier Exhibitions, Inc. (Nasdaq:[PRXI](http://www.prxi.com)), located in Atlanta, Georgia, is a foremost presenter of museum quality exhibitions throughout the world. Premier is a recognized leader in developing and displaying unique exhibitions for education and entertainment including *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, *BODIES...The Exhibition*, *Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs*, and *Real Pirates* in partnership with National Geographic. The success of Premier Exhibitions, Inc. lies in its ability to produce, manage and market exhibitions. Additional information about Premier Exhibitions, Inc. is available at the Company's web site: [www.prxi.com](http://www.prxi.com).