

Access & Equity at the Bell Museum

Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund Request



bell museum



Grand Opening: July 13-15,

2018



Celebrating Minnesota, Inside & Out

NORTH WOODS

MAKING A LIVING

For over a century, the North Woods has been a source of food, shelter, and inspiration for the people of Minnesota. The North Woods is a vast, beautiful landscape that has shaped the lives of the people who live in it. It is a place of mystery and wonder, a place where the past and the present meet. The North Woods is a place where the people of Minnesota have found their home, and it is a place where they have found their future.

LEARN & EXPLORE MORE

Wolves at Shovel Point

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The Fall and Rise of a Magnificent Predator

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Minnesota Journeys

A wide-angle photograph of a museum exhibit titled "Minnesota Journeys". The exhibit is a large, modern gallery with high ceilings and track lighting. On the left, there are several glass display cases containing natural history specimens, including plants and small animals. A man is crouching down to look at one of the cases. In the center, a large wall is covered with taxidermied animal heads, including several deer with large antlers and a moose. Two women are standing in front of this wall, looking at the displays. On the right, a large, curved wall features a massive mural of a Minnesota landscape with a river, trees, and a large deer head in the foreground. A young boy in a red shirt is standing in front of this mural, looking at it. In the foreground, there is a large, black, rectangular interactive screen or monitor. The floor is polished and reflects the lights and displays.

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Life in the Universe

LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE

...Lady slippers. Mayflies. You
...staggering variety of living things
...special.
...Earth unique? Are we alone?
...that makes life on Earth possible, and
...how we search for similar conditions across
...the galaxy. Discover how stars and planets are
...born, created by forces unleashed at the birth
...of the universe 13.8 billion years ago.

WHAT MAKES EARTH SPECIAL?

What do we have that Mercury and
Venus don't? Why is Earth
the only place we find life (so far)?
There are three basic requirements
for life as we know it. Life needs:
liquid water, which depends on a
moderate temperature. It needs
an energy source—such as sunlight,
chemical energy, or tidal force
heat. And life requires specific
chemical elements (life continuously
recycle, so that the planet's finite
supply doesn't run out).
Earth has all three.



The image shows three charcoal drawings on an easel. The leftmost drawing is a large, abstract landscape with a prominent, dark, vertical shape on the left and a lighter, more textured area on the right. The middle drawing is a detailed study of a bird, possibly a woodpecker, perched on a branch. The rightmost drawing is a smaller, more abstract piece with dark, expressive strokes. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

Resident Artist Program





Year One Projections

200,000 visitors served from across MN and the rest of the country

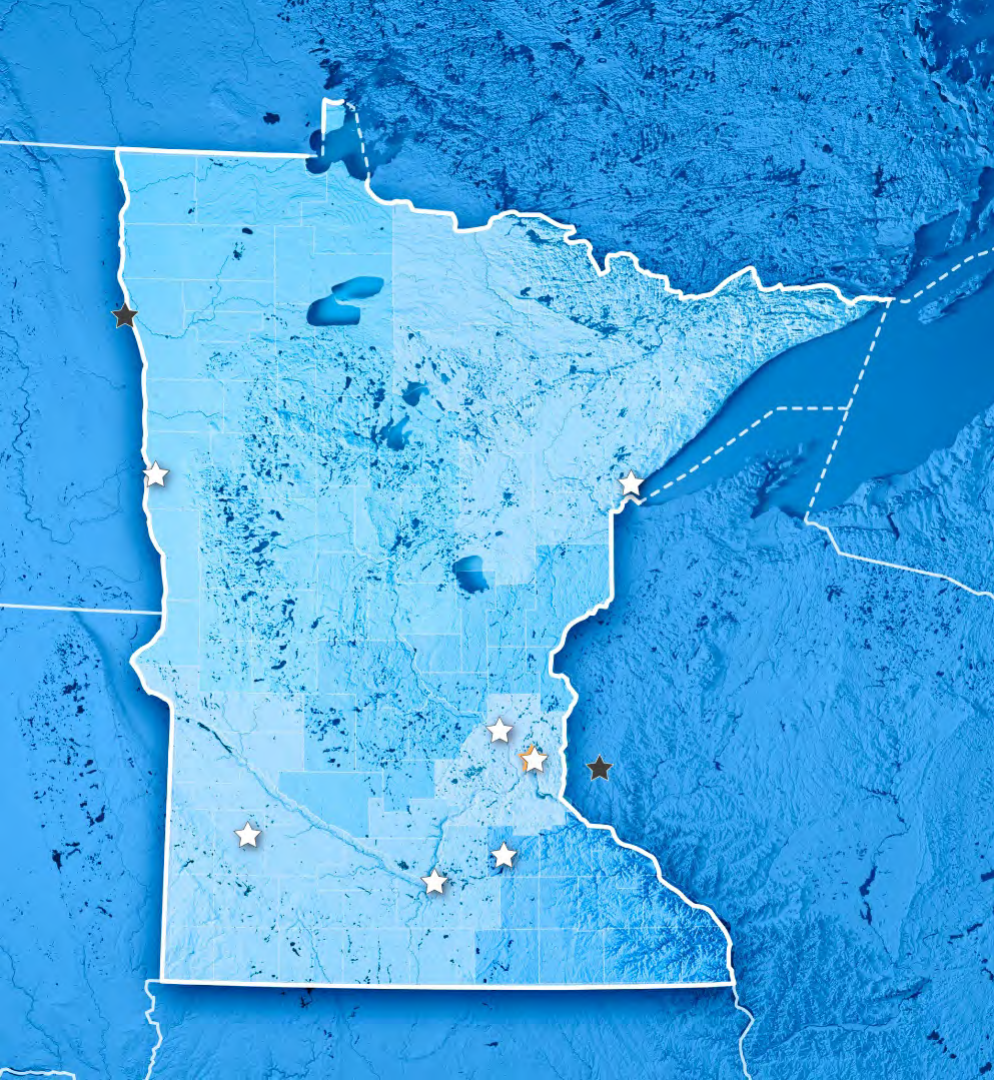
90,000 guests in the Whitney and Elizabeth MacMillan Planetarium

25,000 students on K-12 field trips

5,800 new households join the Bell's membership program



Digital planetarium



Minnesota's Planetarium

Returning a dedicated public planetarium to the state after a 16-year absence

We provide technical assistance and content to a regional network of planetariums in Minnesota and beyond

Our portable planetarium travels to communities across the state





Our Request

An investment of **\$300,000 annually in the FY20/21 biennium** through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund will expand access to the Bell Museum and its resources, with special consideration of the increasingly diverse population of our state.



Equal Access

Audio described tours for visitors who are blind or have low vision

Tactile guides and modules for exhibits

Informational materials to highlight available resources

Innovative solutions for planetarium access challenges



Cultural Equity

Audio tours in the languages most commonly spoken in Minnesota

Culturally relevant experiences about Minnesota's cultural heritage

Cultural competency trainings for museum staff and volunteers

Multicultural marketing



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