

# ABOUT THE BAKKEN MUSEUM

The Bakken Museum is a nonprofit community museum inspiring a passion for innovation by exploring the potential for science, technology, and the humanities to make the world a better place. Located in Minneapolis, the museum features a world-renowned collection of artifacts, exceptional education programs, exhibits exploring the wonders of invention, plant medicine, technology, and science, and the Florence Bakken Medicinal Garden.



### MISSION

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## KEY PROGRAMS

**Education** // Our education team provides education programs both on-site at the museum and off-site throughout the state of Minnesota. The museum's programs use humor, exciting demonstrations, and access to our innovative makerspace to explore the connections between science, technology, the humanities and arts.

**Events** // Throughout the year, The Bakken Museum hosts events that utilize our collections, exhibits, West Winds mansion and gardens. Partnerships with local theater companies, cultural institutions, and arts organizations allow a wide variety of programming.

**Exhibits + Collections** // The Bakken Museum's exhibits and collections explore the cycle of innovation and inspiration. The museum offers seven exhibits, three acres of gardens, and 15,000 artifacts providing historical context for visitors to make connections and ask questions.

20,800+ Education program participants

1,650+ Collections Experiences

4,000+ Artifacts in Collection

11,000+ Books in Collection

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#### FEATURED PARTNERSHIP

## OPEN EYE THEATRE

Starting during the pandemic in 2020, The Bakken Museum has partnered with Open Eye Theatre to host various performances on our rooftop green space. Open Eye offers artistic performances to enrich our communities and advance emerging artists' careers. Productions at The Bakken have included titles such as "HAIR BALL! A Bigfoot Musical Adventure", a rollicking, family-friendly show that included imaginative punk rock puppetry, "Log Jam: A Paul Bunyan Musical Spectacular" featuring a trio of musical lumberjacks and "From the Bowls of Heck!" a story of heavy metal Halloween mayhem. The partnership between The Bakken and Open Eye has connected the audiences of both organizations in a new space supporting innovative art, artists, and building connections within our neighborhood and the broader community.



#### FEATURED ACCESSION

## THE EARL BAKKEN LEGACY COLLECTION - 2021

In October 2018, Earl Bakken passed away at the age of 94 having lived a long life as an inventor, innovator, and source of inspiration for many in his home of Minnesota and around the world. As part of this legacy, Earl left a large collection of materials to The Bakken Museum in 2020. With the creation of the Earl Bakken Legacy Collection in 2021, visitors and researchers now have a fuller look into Earl's life and legacy. The Bakken Museum has finished processing over 1,100 objects and papers, which are available to the public and are utilized in education programs, events, and exhibit spaces.

