

CARNEGIE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY RECEIVES \$25 MILLION GIFT FROM DANIEL G. AND CAROLE L. KAMIN

The largest individual gift since the museum's founding will serve as a catalyst to transform 60,000 square feet of gallery space and support scientific research



Pittsburgh, PA (February 12, 2025) — [Carnegie Museum of Natural History](#) announced today a transformative \$25 million gift from longtime Carnegie Museums patrons Daniel G. and Carole L. Kamin. Of this historic gift, a portion will be used between now and 2028 to renovate the museum's iconic *Dinosaurs in Their Time* exhibition, and a portion will be used to establish an endowment that will support the museum's scientific mission for generations to come. In recognition of this generous gift, the gallery in which *Dinosaurs in Their Time* is displayed will be renamed in perpetuity as the Daniel G. and Carole L. Kamin Hall of Dinosaurs. This gift – the largest individual monetary gift to Carnegie Museum of Natural History since Andrew Carnegie founded Carnegie Museums in 1895 – follows the Kamins' 2024 gift of \$65 million to Carnegie Science Center, which will be renamed the Daniel G. and Carole L. Kamin Science Center later this year. Carnegie Museum of Natural History and Carnegie Science Center are two of the four Carnegie Museums.

"Twice in the past year, Dan and Carole Kamin have demonstrated their profound commitment to the work of our museums through transformational gifts totaling \$90 million," said Dr. Steven Knapp, President and CEO of Carnegie

Museums. “We are deeply grateful for their unparalleled endorsement of our museums’ power to inspire and inform, and we are honored to be a part of their great legacy of generosity in the Pittsburgh region.”

Daniel and Carole Kamin have been patrons of Carnegie Museums for decades, and in 2017 were inaugurated into the Carnegie Nobel Quartet Society, which recognizes lifetime giving to Carnegie Museums that exceeds \$1 million. Carole Kamin is an emeritus member of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History Advisory Board and a longtime member of Carnegie Museum of Art’s Women’s Committee. She also previously worked as a buyer and manager for both Carnegie Museum of Art’s and Carnegie Museum of Natural History’s museum stores. In 2016, a \$5 million commitment from the Kamins permanently endowed Carnegie Museum of Natural History’s director position, now held by Gretchen Baker, who is the Daniel G. and Carole L. Kamin Director of the museum.

“One of my first jobs when I moved to Pittsburgh was as a buyer for Carnegie Museum of Natural History’s museum store, so my connection to and love for this museum runs deeply,” said Carole L. Kamin. “I’ve long been an admirer of the cutting-edge research and field-leading work that the museum does so that science can be engaging and accessible to individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. It’s an incredible honor for Dan and me to support the museum’s upcoming transformational efforts and scientific discoveries over the long term.”

When *Dinosaurs in Their Time* opened in 2007, it set a new standard for the display of dinosaurs in natural history museums by contextualizing them in accurate reconstructions of their ancient environments. Nearly 20 years since the exhibition opened, the Kamins’ gift will support its updating and modernizing with immersive and interactive elements, an emphasis on accessibility, and in-gallery storytelling approaches that empower visitors to explore at their own pace and connect today’s changing world with environmental change found in Earth’s distant past.

“When I first met Carole, we immediately bonded over our love of dinosaurs and the museums that bring them to life,” said Gretchen Baker, Daniel G. and Carole L. Kamin Director of Carnegie Museum of Natural History. “Carnegie Museum of Natural History stewards one of the most extraordinary dinosaur fossil collections in the world, and the museum’s beloved exhibition, *Dinosaurs in Their Time*, contains many of the finest fossils from this collection, material of tremendous scientific and historical significance, such as the original, name-bearing fossils of *Tyrannosaurus rex*, *Diplodocus carnegii*, and *Apatosaurus louisae*. Now, with Carole and Dan’s generous support, we’ll reimagine the gallery in which these iconic specimens are displayed, plus tens of thousands of additional square feet within the museum. In catalyzing these changes and in establishing an endowment to support the scientific mission of the museum, the Kamins’ unprecedented gift will leave a lasting impact on countless museum visitors, staff, and volunteers, and the Pittsburgh region, in posterity.”

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About Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Carnegie Museum of Natural History, one of the four Carnegie Museums, is among the top natural history museums in the country. It maintains, preserves, and interprets an extraordinary collection of millions of objects and scientific specimens used to broaden understanding of evolution, conservation, and biodiversity. Carnegie Museum of Natural History’s mission is to deepen wonder and advance understanding of our natural world—past and present—in order to embrace responsibility for our collective future. To learn more, visit carnegiemnh.org.

About Carnegie Museums

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