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Skirball Cultural Center announces highlights of popular traveling exhibition

## STAR TREK: EXPLORING NEW WORLDS April 30–September 6, 2020

LOS ANGELES, CA—The Skirball Cultural Center has revealed details of its LA debut presentation of *Star Trek: Exploring New Worlds*. Organized by the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP), Seattle, under license by ViacomCBS Consumer Products, this immersive exhibition showcases *Star Trek's* enduring impact on culture, art, and technology. The exhibition also explores how *Star Trek* broke boundaries with its daring vision of cooperation and inclusion, where humans and aliens work together for the common goal of exploring the galaxy. *Star Trek: Exploring New Worlds* opens at the Skirball on April 30 and will remain on view through September 6, 2020.

“*Star Trek* remains one of the most iconic touchstones of twentieth- and twenty-first-century pop culture. More than fifty years since the original TV show premiered to modest ratings, it has succeeded in shifting our ideas about both technology and human relationships,” remarked Laura Mart, Skirball managing curator for the Skirball presentation. “We welcome fans and fans-in-the-making to explore this phenomenon and celebrate how *Star Trek* has continued to probe themes of justice, equality, heroism, and optimism throughout seven TV series, fourteen films, and thousands of novels, comics, and games.”

On view in the exhibition will be an array of rare artifacts, set pieces, and props from the television series, spinoffs, and films—many of which have never been on display in LA. Highlights include:

- Set pieces from *Star Trek: The Original Series*, including Captain Kirk’s command chair and the navigation console.
- More than 100 artifacts and props from the various *Star Trek* TV series and films, including an original series’ tricorder, communicator, and phaser; a Borg cube from the film *Star Trek: First Contact*; a Klingon disruptor pistol from *Star Trek: The Next Generation*; and tribbles from *Star Trek: The Original Series*.

- Spock's tunic worn by Leonard Nimoy; Lt. Uhura's dress worn by Nichelle Nichols; Khan garments past and present, including the open-chest tunic worn by Ricardo Montalban and the costume worn by Benedict Cumberbatch in the 2013 reboot; Captain Picard's uniform worn by Patrick Stewart; plus, a Borg costume, the alien Gorn, and more.
- Original scripts, concept art, storyboards, and production drawings.
- Spaceship filming models of the *U.S.S. Enterprise*, *U.S.S. Excelsior*, *U.S.S. Phoenix*, and *Deep Space Nine* space station.
- Objects that illustrate how *Star Trek* has become deeply embedded in popular culture and has even inspired real-world technological innovations, such as a prototype of an actual medical tricorder, *Star Trek*-themed beer, Boston Red Sox "*Star Trek* Night" foam finger in the shape of the Vulcan salute, a "Picardigan" sweater, a listening station with songs by *Star Trek* tribute bands, US postal stamps featuring the *U.S.S. Enterprise*, and much more.

Details about the exhibition's interactive elements and related programs will be released in March 2020. A special press preview is scheduled for April 29, 2020. Please inquire to [lcmediapr@gmail.com](mailto:lcmediapr@gmail.com).

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The Skirball Cultural Center is a place of meeting guided by the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger and inspired by the American democratic ideals of freedom and equality. We welcome people of all communities and generations to participate in cultural experiences that celebrate discovery and hope, foster human connections, and call upon us to help build a more just society.

The Skirball is located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049. Museum hours: Tuesday–Friday 12:00–5:00 pm; Saturday–Sunday 10:00 am–5:00 pm; closed Mondays and holidays. *Star Trek* admission: \$20 General; \$17 Seniors, Full-Time Students, and Children over 12; \$7 Children 2–12. *Star Trek* admission fee includes admission to all other exhibitions. Exhibitions are always FREE to Skirball Members and Children under 2. For general information, the public may call (310) 440-4500 or visit [skirball.org](http://skirball.org).

### **About the Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP)**

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, MoPOP is a leading-edge nonprofit museum in Seattle, with a mission to make creative expression a life changing force by offering experiences that inspire and connect our communities. MoPOP reaches multigenerational audiences through our collections, exhibitions, community engagements, and educational programs, bringing understanding, interpretation, and scholarship to the pop culture of our time. For more information, visit **MoPOP.org**.

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