

Testimonials

The **Sherlock Holmes and the Clocktower Mystery** Exhibit has toured the United States and Canada for over nine years (since 1998). During that time it has been hosted by twenty-seven museums and has had over 2,000,000 visitors. The same live actor has toured with the exhibit for all those nine years. Listed below are a few comments made by exhibit visitors and/or museum staff.

- “The Sherlock Holmes and the Clocktower Mystery Exhibit is a rare gem. I happily engrossed myself for more than an hour in solving the mystery that the exhibit lays out. By drawing me in to become an active participant in the exhibit, rather than just a passive observer, the exhibit greatly increased the value and enjoyment of my museum visit. This exhibit is the most fun I have had at a museum in a long time”. Visitor, Midland Center for the Arts, Midland, MI
- Bravo to the Kansas City Museum for offering a low-tech outing so charged with detail, atmosphere and drama, and thanks to the Neighborhood Tourism Development Fund for sponsoring the exhibition. Kansas City Star, Kansas City, MO
- “This was truly an EXCELLENT experience in observation and logic! As a research scientist in genetics I recommend this exercise of the mind and eye to all who wish to pursue science as a career. It opens the mind and connects the eye!” Visitor, COSI Columbus, OH
- “Fun, confusing, exciting, intelligent! The actor playing Sherlock Holmes stayed marvelously in character. One of the best exhibits to ever come to the Science Center. Why aren’t there more exhibits like this?” Visitor, Science Center of Iowa, Des Moines, IA
- “The Sherlock Holmes Exhibit was great! It required real active involvement, thinking and reasoning skills. My students loved it! A most unusual and very pleasant change from most exhibitions.” Teacher/Visitor, New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque, NM
- The Vancouver Museum was indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to exhibit Sherlock Holmes and the Clocktower Mystery. It is a highly innovative, yet intriguing presentation and it contains many interesting features, ranging from a mystery to be solved to the inclusion of a live actor. The room sets are terrific

and are full of accoutrements and the layout of the evolving mystery holds the attention of the visitorship throughout its many twists and turns. It is the presence of the live actor that gives the exhibition not only its uniqueness, but also its ability to communicate on a personal level with the visitor. This is without a doubt, an experience which museum visitors find most satisfying.
Director/Vancouver Museum, Vancouver, Canada

- Thumbs up for the new interactive Sherlock Homes Exhibit currently at the downtown Health Adventure. This exhibit is an opportunity for Children to discover the real joy of reading and sharing what they learn with peers. Asheville Citizen-Times, Asheville, NC
- Sherlock Holmes and the Clocktower Mystery was a new and different exhibit experience for our museum and one in-fact that some staff were not originally completely sold on. What does a murder-mystery have to do with a Science Museum? What we discovered though was that Holmes' well known methods of deduction and logic, of using first-hand evidence and reasoning from what you see, of keeping a blank mind and approaching facts in a "cold and unemotional manner" is perfect training for science students. Our visitors loved putting together the pieces of the puzzle from the eight chapter sets and experiencing the 'wow' moment when it all came clear and, looking back, all the evidence was there. I now see that detective stories are not so much works of art as they are works of science. Director of Education/Insights, El Paso, TX
- "The Sherlock Holmes Mystery is GREAT! What a great adventure and challenge. The sets are so well done and the whole story/mystery so ingenious. The actor is academy award winning. It is lively at the end, intelligent and world-class. Bravo to the Witte for bringing it to San Antonio Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!" Visitor/ Witte Museum, San Antonio, TX