

**Berkshire**museum Media Alert

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**Berkshire Museum OPEN Jan. 15 & 16**  
**Planned Closing Cancelled**  
**Federal Government Shutdown Impacts da Vinci Exhibit**

[ Pittsfield, MA ] The Berkshire Museum will be open to visitors Tuesday (1/15) and Wednesday (1/16) with a planned closing cancelled because the federal government shutdown has delayed the arrival of the exhibit, *Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion*.

The two-day closing had been needed to install the exhibit, travelling to the Berkshire Museum from the George H.W. Bush Library in College Station, Texas. The Bush Library, however, is closed because of the federal government shutdown and exhibit coordinators have been unable to get into the Library to remove the exhibit and bring it to Massachusetts. The Museum is in contact with representatives of the Library Board and is working to resolve the situation.

“While we are continuing to plan for the exhibit's arrival, it is clear we will not need to close the museum next week for installation. We want to make sure that everyone who enjoys the Museum knows they can do so on Tuesday and Wednesday,” said Craig Langlois, the Museum's Chief Experience Officer.

The exhibit was scheduled to be on view at the Berkshire Museum from January 26<sup>th</sup> through May 5<sup>th</sup>. It includes 40, full-size, true-to-design working models of

Leonardo da Vinci's Renaissance inventions and the 500-year-old drawings used to construct them. Each mechanism was meticulously built by a group of scientists and skilled artisans in collaboration with the Leonardo da Vinci Museum in Florence, Italy, and the artist's instructions were carried out using the tools, techniques, and materials that were available during his era.

### **About Berkshire Museum**

Berkshire Museum is located at 39 South Street (Route 7) in Pittsfield, MA. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$13 adult, \$6 child (under 18); free admission for Museum members and children age 3 and under. For more information, visit [www.berkshireremuseum.org](http://www.berkshireremuseum.org) or call 413.443.7171.

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