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***Star Wars™ and the Power of Costume Will Showcase Iconic Wardrobes,  
Creative Process and Design at the Denver Art Museum  
Multimedia experience features full costumes, drawings, ephemera and film***

**DENVER** – Jan. 3, 2017 – The Denver Art Museum (DAM) will present *Star Wars™ and the Power of Costume*, on view Nov. 13, 2016 through April 2, 2017. The exhibition will give DAM visitors a look behind the scenes into the fantasy, marvel and delight of bringing characters in the *Star Wars* universe to life through a dramatic presentation of original costumes. *Star Wars and the Power of Costume* will closely examine the captivating process of costume conception and design for iconic outfits, from Princess Leia's unforgettable bikini to Darth Vader's imposing black uniform, featured in all seven films of the *Star Wars* series.

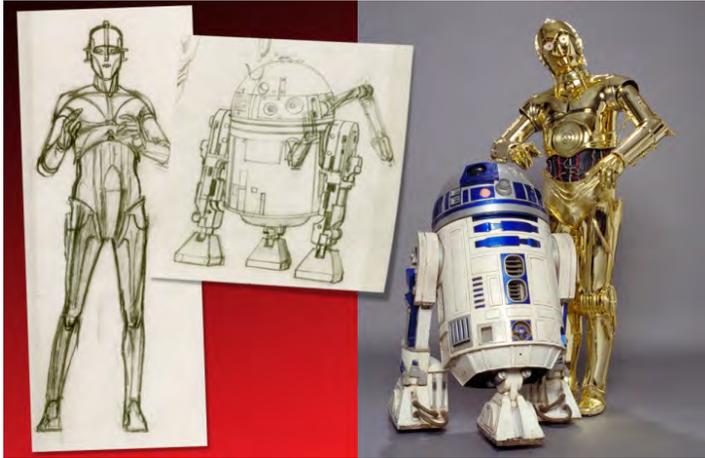
"The creative process behind crafting the world of *Star Wars* is part of a pop-culture phenomenon that we are thrilled to bring to the Rocky Mountain region," said Christoph Heinrich, Frederick and Jan Mayer Director of the DAM. "A vivid exhibition display and behind-the-scenes look will delight creatives, designers and die-hard fans alike."

The challenges and triumphs of bringing characters and their believable worlds to life will be revealed through thematic exhibition sections, including Jedi vs. Sith and the Galactic Senate. More than 60 hand-crafted costumes from all seven blockbuster *Star Wars* films will uncover the connection between character and costume. *Star Wars and the Power of Costume* also will explore the imagination and artistry of the world's most recognized cinematic costumes, taking a closer look at the iconic villain Darth Vader, Wookiee Chewbacca, X-Wing pilots and Droids™, including C-3PO and R2-D2.

"So many of us have warm memories and a fascination associated with the *Star Wars* films, and it's really the characters that maintain this longstanding connection," said Stefania Van Dyke, interpretive specialist at the DAM. "Characters like Han Solo, Princess Leia and Luke Skywalker have become inseparably associated with their costumes, and our unique presentation will give a look at the inspiration and nuanced creative processes of designers and artisans."



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Visitors will be able to tap into fantasy, quality craftsmanship and character development through immersive experiences that include powerful *Star Wars* royalty, military and senate imagery, as well as behind-the-scenes videos and testimonials from artists, designers and actors.

*Star Wars and the Power of Costume* will be on view in the Anschutz and Martin and McCormick galleries on level two of the Hamilton Building. Individual tickets for this specially ticketed exhibition will go on sale on May 4, 2016. Tickets for groups of 10 or more are available now by emailing [groupsales@denvertmuseum.org](mailto:groupsales@denvertmuseum.org) or calling 720-913-0088. The museum is now taking reservations for private gallery rentals and events,

including holiday parties. Spaces book early, call for rates and more information.

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