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The science and fantasy behind the *Star Wars* phenomenon will take centre stage in a new exhibition opening at Scienceworks on 3 June 2009. *Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination* features more than 80 costumes, interactive exhibits, models and props from all six *Star Wars* films.

Developed by the Museum of Science, Boston, in collaboration with Lucasfilm Ltd., ***Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination*** is the first exhibition to showcase costumes and props from all six *Star Wars* movies while exploring cutting-edge research and modern technologies that could one day make the fantasy world of *Star Wars* a reality.

Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination will offer an immersive exhibition that gives visitors a hands-on look at the ways in which the seemingly fantastic ideas seen in the films have or can become real-life technologies. The exhibition reveals the important roles that imagination and science play in the creation of increasingly sophisticated machines. Visitors will be able to investigate concepts like robotics, magnetic levitation, artificial intelligence and medical technology, and can try their hands at building and testing their own high-tech creations – all while reliving the magic of the *Star Wars* story.

“Our visitors are really going to love this exhibition. *Star Wars* is a wonderful platform to provide insight and experience of some of the real technologies that have parallels with the wonderfully imaginative movie series.” said Genevieve Fahey, Manager Scienceworks.

Exhibition highlights include:

- Luke Skywalker’s landspeeder from *Star Wars: Episode IV A New Hope*.
- Authentic costumes and props from the entire *Star Wars* Saga, such as Princess Leia’s famous white dress, Darth Vader’s menacing black armour, a full-size R2-D2, and a stormtrooper uniform.
- More than 20 hands-on interactive components that will appeal to everyone from the biggest *Star Wars* enthusiasts to those who wouldn’t know Chewbacca from Yoda.

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Date: 4 June - 3 November 2009

Time: Daily 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Price: Adults \$18, Concession \$8 and Children (3 - 16 years) \$6. Includes general entry to Scienceworks. Tickets on sale April 2009. Gift vouchers now available. Phone 13 11 02 or visit museumvictoria.com.au/starwars

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