



THE PALEY CENTER FOR MEDIA



SOUTH PARK



**THE PALEY CENTER FOR MEDIA IN BEVERLY HILLS PRESENTS
THE SOUTH PARK 20 EXPERIENCE,
A FREE, PUBLIC EXHIBIT TO CELEBRATE THE TWENTIETH SEASON OF THE
HIT COMEDY CENTRAL SERIES**

**ALL TWENTY SEASONS OF THE ICONIC SERIES WILL JOIN THE
EXTENSIVE PALEY ARCHIVE**

**EXHIBIT FEATURES TWENTY LIFE-SIZED ICONIC MOMENTS,
TWENTY PIECES OF CURATED ARTWORK, DAILY SCREENINGS,
FAN PHOTO OPS, AND MORE!**

Unique Artist Pieces Curated by Ron English Will Be Showcased

Exhibit Runs from Wednesday, August 24 to Sunday, September 25

BEVERLY HILLS, CA – August 23, 2016 –The Paley Center for Media, the leading nonprofit cultural institution that showcases the importance and impact of media in our society, presents the “**South Park 20 Experience**,” an immersive and interactive exhibit to celebrate the twentieth season of Comedy Central’s Emmy and Peabody Award-winning animated series. The free, public exhibit will feature a gallery of twenty, 2-D and 3-D life-sized replicas of fans’ favorite *South Park* characters and classic moments from the series, along with twenty specially created pieces of artwork curated by world-renowned pop culture artist, Ron English. Daily screenings of the series and fan photo ops round out this exclusive Paley Center event.

To preserve the importance of *South Park*, all twenty seasons of the series will be added to the Paley Center’s already extensive public Archive. The show has been donated to the Paley Center by Comedy Central and will be made available for free, public viewings at the Paley Center.

The exhibit will be open at the Paley Center’s Beverly Hills location (465 N. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210) from Wednesday, August 24 to Sunday, September 25, 2016.

“We are honored to celebrate the twentieth season of ‘South Park,’ a show that has undeniably had a profound impact on our society by continuously providing a fresh and fearless satirical take on current events and cultural trends,” said Maureen J. Reidy, President and CEO of The Paley Center for Media. “This exhibit promises to be a dynamic and engaging fan experience, exactly the type of free, public programming the Paley Center delivers year-round. The addition of the full series to the renowned Paley Center Archive will preserve this show for our members and visitors to enjoy for years to come.”

“We are thrilled to bring the ‘South Park Experience’ to the Paley Center to celebrate the show’s historic twentieth season,” said Walter Levitt, Chief Marketing Officer, Comedy Central. “The Experience was the hit of Comic-Con in San Diego last month, with tens of thousands of fans jumping into iconic ‘South Park’ moments and sharing their pictures on social media. Now, all SoCal fans will have the chance to be part of the fun. We thank the Paley Center for sharing in the celebration of this influential television franchise.”

The “South Park 20 Experience” features twenty iconic, life-sized scenes built out in 2-D/3-D format allowing fans to jump into some of the most memorable moments in *South Park* history for a photo op to share on social with #SOUTHPARK20. The exhibit will also showcase twenty artist interpretations of the series, hand-picked by famed street artist and pop surrealist painter, Ron English. Fans can also visit a retrospective gallery featuring original animation cells from the pilot episode, and watch free daily screenings of select episodes from the first nineteen seasons of the series.

As a leading nonprofit cultural institution, this exhibit is part of the Paley Center’s ongoing commitment to preserving, exploring, and interpreting the media through its extensive, public Archive and educational programs. The Paley Center is home to the nation’s foremost publically accessible archive of television, radio, and new media content, with over 160,000 programs spanning the history of media.

Trey Parker and Matt Stone are the co-creators of *South Park*. Parker, Stone, Anne Garefino and Frank C. Agnone II are the Executive Producers of the Emmy® and Peabody® Award-winning series. Eric Stough, Adrien Beard, Bruce Howell and Vernon Chatman are Producers. The series launched on August 13, 1997. The historic twentieth season premieres Wednesday, September 14 at 10:00 pm, ET/PT, on Comedy Central.

For exhibit updates, please visit paleycenter.org, and follow @paleycenter on Twitter.

About The Paley Center for Media

The Paley Center for Media, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with locations in New York and Los Angeles, leads the discussion about the cultural, creative, and social significance of television, radio, and emerging platforms for the professional community and media-interested public. Drawing upon its curatorial expertise, an international collection, and close relationships with the leaders of the media community, the Paley Center examines the intersections between media and society. The general public can access the collection and participate in programs that explore and celebrate the creativity, the innovations, the personalities, and the leaders who are shaping media. Through the global programs of its Media Council and International Council, the Paley Center also serves as a neutral setting where media professionals can engage in discussion and debate about the evolving media landscape. Previously known as The Museum of Television & Radio, the Paley Center was founded in 1975 by William S. Paley, a pioneering innovator in the industry. For more information, please visit paleycenter.org

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