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Indigenous Wonders of Our World Exhibit to Open April 22 **Ancient American Indian exhibit will feature earthworks and artifacts**

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio History Connection will open the new [Indigenous Wonders of Our World](#) exhibit April 22 at the Ohio History Center, 800 E. 17th Ave. in Columbus. The exhibit will present American Indian artifacts and eight 2,000-year-old earthworks that are part of Ohio’s Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks through interactive and didactic activities for all ages.

Guests will learn how ancient American Indians employed astronomy and geometry to align the earthworks with the cycles of the sun and moon.

“The new Indigenous Wonders of Our World exhibit is something that truly allows people to walk away with a new appreciation for these extraordinary landmarks that exist around us all,” said Neil Thompson, media and public relations manager at the Ohio History Connection. “Because earthworks typically appear like hills or mounds visually, the true complexity behind them is often unknown to people. We can’t wait to explore this fascinating piece of history with our guests.”

The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks sites have been nominated [for the United Nations’ World Heritage List](#), a list of the world’s greatest wonders. This nomination will be considered by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in summer 2023.

The exhibit’s presentations will cover what was used to build the earthworks, basic astronomy, artifact discovery and more. Some exhibit talks will be presented by a Tribal voice, and some of the artifact descriptions will be presented in native languages when possible.

The exhibit and its programs are included with museum admission. Admission ranges from \$7 to \$13 and is free for Ohio History Connection members. For more information, visit ohiohistory.org.

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About Ohio History Connection:

The Ohio History Connection, formerly the Ohio Historical Society, is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio’s stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens focused on preserving and sharing the state’s history. This includes housing the state historic preservation office, the official state archives, and local history office and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information, visit ohiohistory.org. Support for Ohio History Connection programs comes from the Greater Columbus Arts Council.

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