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TO THE DAWN OF ART & SCIENCE

17 May - 1 October

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**WONDERS
OF ROCK ART**
LASCAUX CAVE AND AFRICA

@ Sci-Bono Discovery Centre

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At the *Wonders of Rock Art: Lascaux Cave and Africa* exhibition, you will enter a labyrinth of caves and rock shelters that transport you back to a time when Stone Age populations in Europe created magnificent rock art that would stand the test of time ... Then you'll cross over into ancient Southern Africa, where the San hunter-gatherers crafted images of the spirit-beasts whose totemic powers they would summon in their trance-dances.

The incredible story of the Lascaux cave paintings began unfolding on 12 September 1940, when four teenage boys and a dog in south-western France stumbled upon one of the most significant archaeological finds of the 20th century. Squeezing into a crevice to rescue a pet dog, they discovered a cave, adorned with more than 2 000 beautifully preserved paintings, which had been sealed off from the outside world for 17 000 years.

The Lascaux cave was closed to the public in 1963, but the *Lascaux International Exhibition* - which uses state-of-the-art methods and digital technology to create an exact replica of the cave and its treasure trove of Palaeolithic rock art - has been travelling the world since 2012. Now, this interactive 800m² mobile exhibition has come to Africa for the first time, giving South Africans a rare glimpse into "the Sistine Chapel of prehistory".

Accompanying the Lascaux cave exhibit is *The Dawn of Art*, curated by the Origins Centre, which traces the birthplace of art, design and technology back 100 000 years to the tip of Africa. Discover your millennia-old cultural roots through the world's oldest known artworks, including original engraved fragments. Prepare to be awed by the skill, innovation and ingenuity of Southern Africa's indigenous peoples at the dawn of humanity.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to come face to face with the world's first graffiti artists and "rock stars"! Discover how early humans in Europe and Africa took the first bold steps towards culture, technology and science through their pigment toolkits, rock paintings and engravings - and be amazed.



An interactive exhibition ...



... for all ages



Explore the different corners and wonders of the Lascaux cave



A fully immersive experience using state-of-the-art technology



Find out more about the origins of art and Southern African rock art



Learn about the world's first artists ...



... and get creative in an ochre painting workshop



Science and art meet to replicate our distant past

What: *Wonders of Rock Art: Lascaux Cave and Africa* exhibition

Where: Sci-Bono Discovery Centre, Newtown, Johannesburg

When: 17 May to 1 October 2018

Times: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm; Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 4.30pm (including public holidays)

Cost: R130 (adults); R70 (children); R360 (family discount - two adults plus two children)

To book tickets, and for more information about special school rates and events related to the exhibition, visit www.sci-bono.co.za

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