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DAVENPORT — Premier Exhibitions, Inc. and the Putnam Museum announced today that Bodies Revealed will open Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Putnam Museum in Davenport, IA. Bodies Revealed will provide the public with an opportunity to see inside carefully preserved real anatomical specimens and learn the detailed structure and function of the human body.

“The Bodies Revealed exhibit is a unique opportunity to SEE the impact of our lifestyle choices - what and how much we eat, whether we smoke, how often we exercise. We are surrounded by messages about the importance of healthy living – for many of us though, seeing is believing that ““an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”” At a time when health policy is on our collective minds, we are excited for the Quad Cities area to take advantage of this exhibit’s unique look at the wonders of the human body.” – Kim Findlay, CEO/President of the Putnam Museum.

“Trinity is happy to help the Putnam bring this fascinating educational opportunity to the Quad-Cities,” said Rick Seidler, President and CEO of Trinity Regional Health System, a sponsor of the Bodies Revealed exhibit. “The body is such a complex system; it will be a real eye-opener for people to see exactly how ongoing exposure to unhealthy habits can impact it.”

Trinity and the Putnam Museum are collaborating to coordinate a variety of activities in conjunction with the exhibit, including educational seminars, physician presentations, and prevention and awareness events. Trinity healthcare providers also will help serve as guides during the run of the exhibition.

The Exhibition takes visitors through galleries providing an up-close look inside the skeletal, muscular, reproductive, respiratory, circulatory and other systems of the human body. Many of the whole body specimens are dissected in vivid athletic poses, allowing the visitor to relate to everyday activities. In addition, authentic human specimens illustrate the damage caused to organs by over-eating and lack of exercise. A healthy lung is featured next to a black lung ravaged by smoking in a vivid comparison more powerful than any textbook image.

The human body specimens in the exhibition are preserved through a revolutionary technique called polymer preservation. In this process, human tissue is permanently preserved using liquid silicone rubber that is treated and hardened. The end result is a rubberized specimen, preserved to the cellular level, showcasing the complexity of the body's many bones, muscles,

nerves, blood vessels and organs. The full-body specimens can take more than a year to prepare.

The Exhibition is currently receiving worldwide acclaim attracting nearly 15 million visitors from cities around the world.

Premier Exhibitions, Inc. is a major provider of Museum quality touring exhibitions throughout the world.

WHAT: Bodies Revealed

WHEN: Saturday, March 9 – July 14

WHERE: Putnam Museum, 1717 W. 12th Street, Davenport, IA 52804

TICKETS: Mark your calendars, tickets will go on sale February 2013. Because of its popularity and attendance, the Putnam urges guests to purchase advance tickets to ensure admittance to the opening of the Exhibition. Tickets to the Exhibition will be available for purchase in February, at www.putnam.org or by calling 563-324-1933 .

Discounted prices are available to groups. Exhibition hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 Noon to 4 p.m.

Bodies Revealed will be brought to the Putnam Museum through generous support from Trinity Regional Health System; Deere & Co.; and the Quad-City Times.