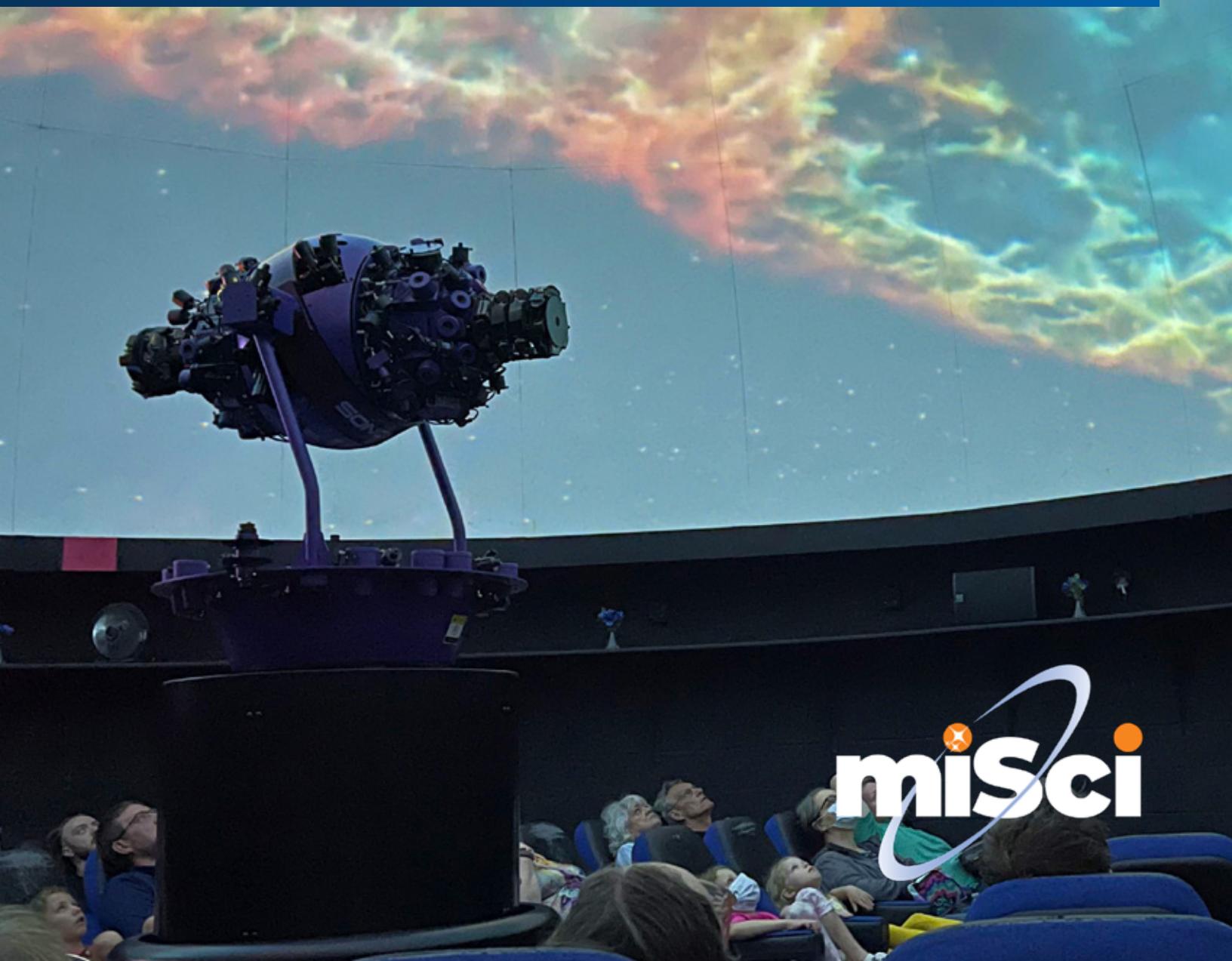


The Museum of  
Innovation and Science

2024 – 2025  
Annual Report



miSci

*Inspiring people to celebrate and explore science and technology past, present and future...*

**At the end of 2024 miSci entered its 90th year** as an institution of learning, preservation, and community service. Hundreds of thousands of people have visited the Museum, taken a class with miSci educators, and seen shows in the planetarium. miSci's impact on the region has been substantial, with generations of learners now returning with their grandchildren to the same institution that was part of their own history. miSci's education programs introduce tens of thousands of students to STEAM principles each year, setting them on the pathway to becoming the next generation of scientists and engineers.

**There is a lot to look forward to** as we enter miSci's tenth decade in Schenectady! With the generous assistance of New York State and Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara miSci is engaging on a complete renovation of the Museum. This work will improve the visitor experience, collections preservation, and contribute to miSci's vitality as a community resource. In addition, we offer special thanks to Metroplex, Bender Scientific Fund and Niskayuna Community Foundation for funding major upgrades in the planetarium, transforming it into a major regional attraction.

**It is with hope and excitement** that we move towards miSci's eventual centennial! During the next ten years we will have the opportunity to share the 100th anniversaries of some true gems in our collections. World changing innovations such as television broadcasting and home refrigeration were pioneered here in our region, and we'll be highlighting their milestones. We hope to see each and every one of you at the Museum for a continuing experience of hands-on science, amazing history, and clever inspiration.

# miSci By the Numbers



The 2024 – 2025 season saw thousands of people visit miSci's exhibits and programs!

Visitation continues to climb!

**39,440**  
Museum Visitors

**24,038**  
Visitors to the  
Planetarium

New planetarium  
upgrades brought  
thousands more visitors  
into miSci for the first  
time!

Nearly 20 thousand  
students were reached  
by miSci educators at  
field trips, outreaches, or  
events!

**19,466**  
Students at  
miSci Programs

miSci welcomed 541 new  
and returning members  
and their families.

**541**  
Memberships

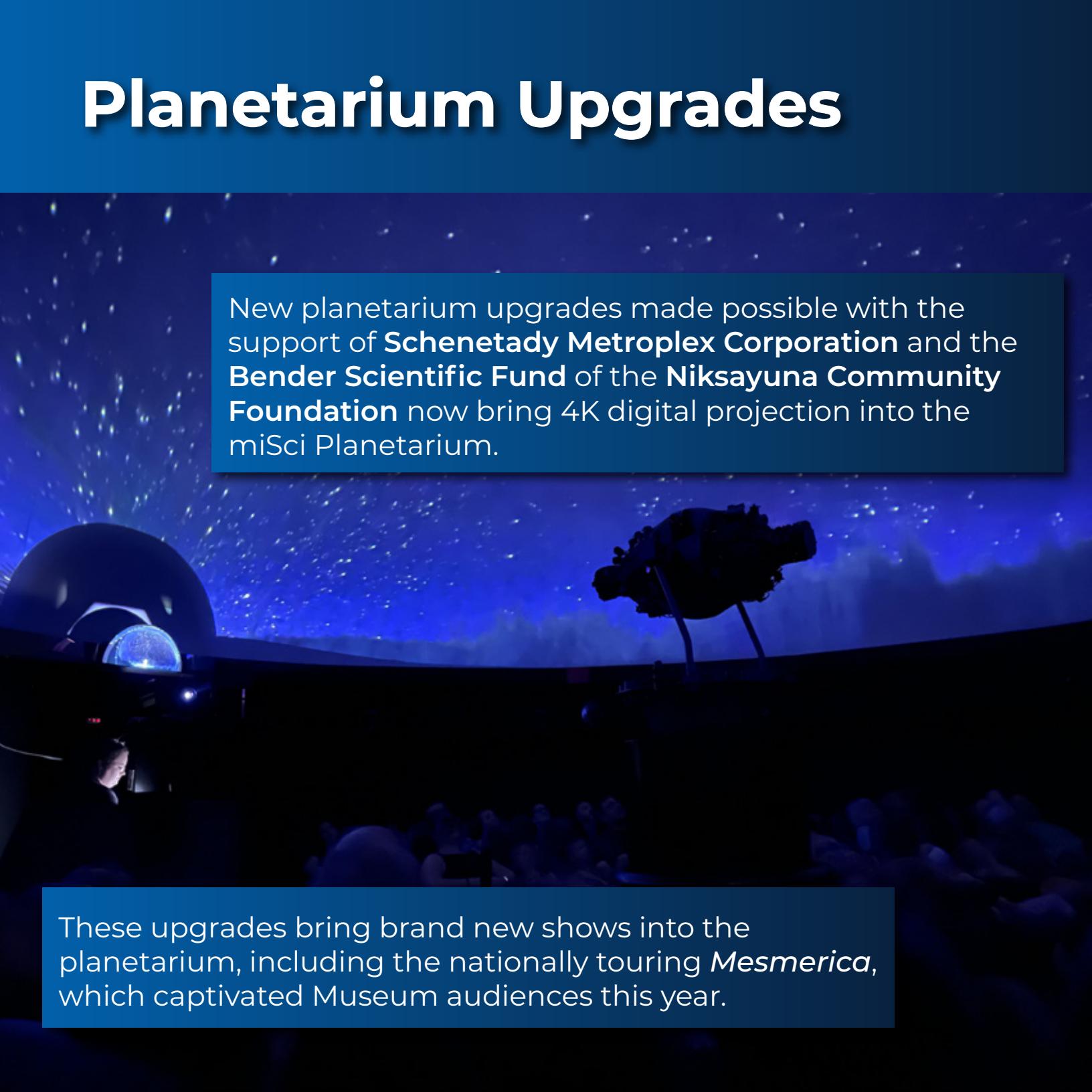
**397**  
Educational  
Programs

miSci delivered  
nearly 400 hands-on  
educational experiences  
to local classes, libraries  
and groups!

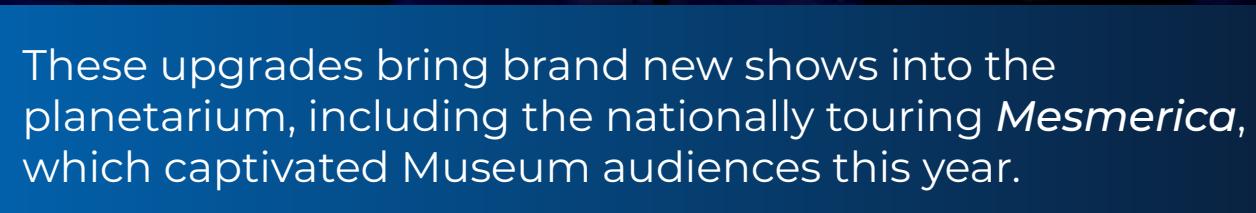
More than 100 people  
celebrated with their  
families at the Museum!

**107**  
Birthday  
Parties

# Planetarium Upgrades



New planetarium upgrades made possible with the support of **Schenetady Metroplex Corporation** and the **Bender Scientific Fund** of the **Niksayuna Community Foundation** now bring 4K digital projection into the miSci Planetarium.



These upgrades bring brand new shows into the planetarium, including the nationally touring *Mesmerica*, which captivated Museum audiences this year.

# New at miSci 2024 – 2025

New and notable exhibits at miSci during the 2024 – 2025 season:



# Yearly Highlights

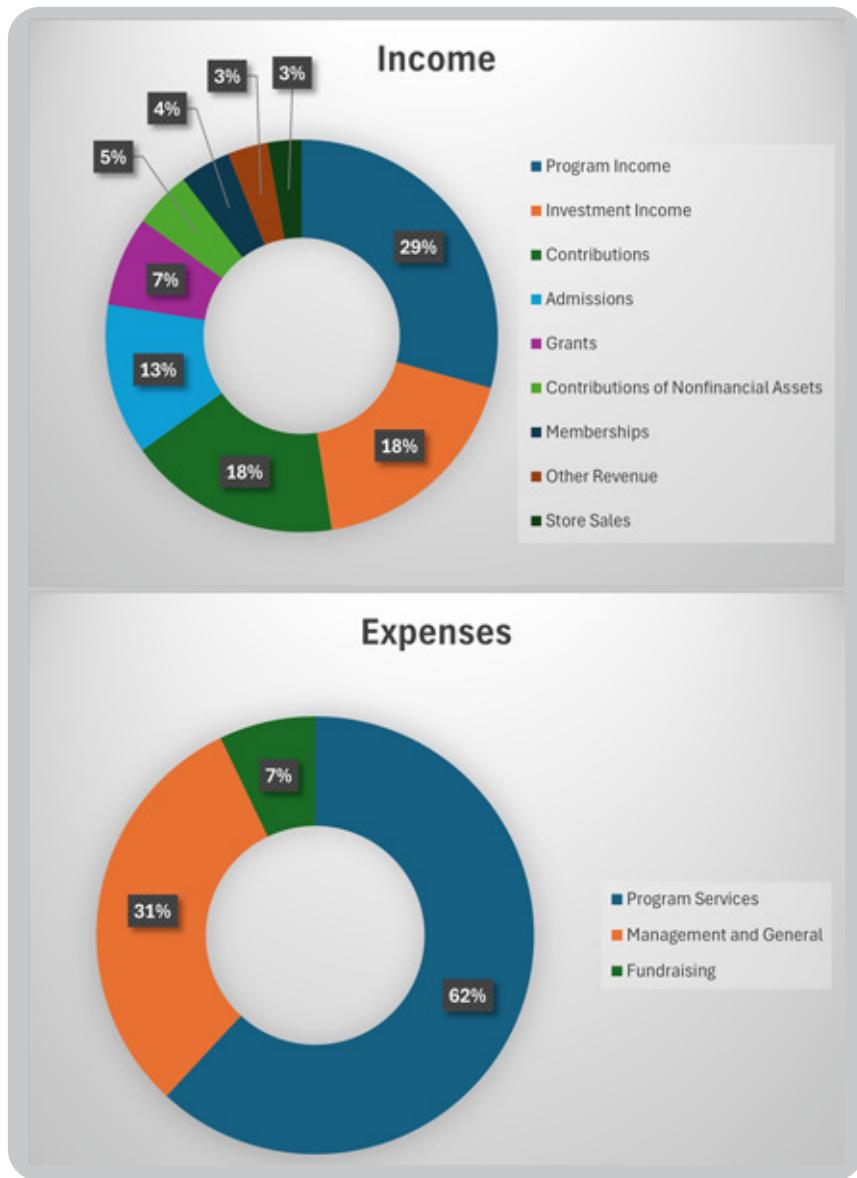


*miSci's Model Trains Show* reached it's 34th year running this year, entertaining the young and old with vintage trains.



The Museum's Exhibit Engineer, Jamie Hutchison, touring February Break Week students through miSci's newly built *Eye Candy* exhibit.

# Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025



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