



celebrating  
**90**miSci  
years

museum of innovation and science

# Annual REPORT

JULY 2023–JUNE 2024

# a message from the MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Ninety years ago, the Schenectady Museum opened its doors, starting a journey of growth, challenges and inspiration. From two small rooms in a local school to the dynamic institution miSci is today, we've expanded to offer rotating STEAM exhibits and programs that engage tens of thousands of visitors each year. Many who first visited as children now return with their own children and grandchildren, passing along that spark of curiosity.

Last year, miSci curated *Ground to Gourmet* and *Engineering the Perfect Shot*, while hosting international exhibits like *Space to Spoon* and *Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion*. As a top destination for families in the Capital District, miSci continues to serve as a premier resource for studying the history of innovation.

We've also made great strides in enhancing our facility. Thanks to support from the Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority, the Niskayuna Foundation and Bender Scientific Fund, our Planetarium has been upgraded with cutting-edge digital projection and surround sound, and is currently showcasing the award-winning *Mesmerica*. Additionally, we're collaborating with Assemblyman Santabarbara and Schenectady County to plan much-needed renovations to our building.

Without the support of our members, friends and partners, none of this would be possible. You've helped create a legacy of education, innovation and inspiration. With your continued support, miSci will keep lighting the path for the next 90 years.



Gina C. Gould, Ph. D.  
President



# miSci BY THE NUMBERS

33,723

MUSEUM  
VISITORS



214

OUTREACH  
PROGRAMS



REACHED

11,808

STUDENTS



17,483

PLANETARIUM  
VISITORS

5,925

STUDENTS  
ATTENDED



130

FIELD  
TRIPS



**The kids had such an amazing time — thank you so much!!!**

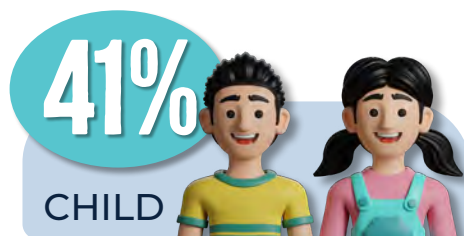
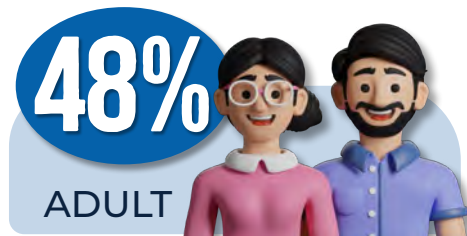
Audrey McKernon, Teacher Argyle Central School District 3rd Grade Field Trip



# miSci BY THE NUMBERS



## Admissions by Age Group



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# miEclipse WATCH PARTY

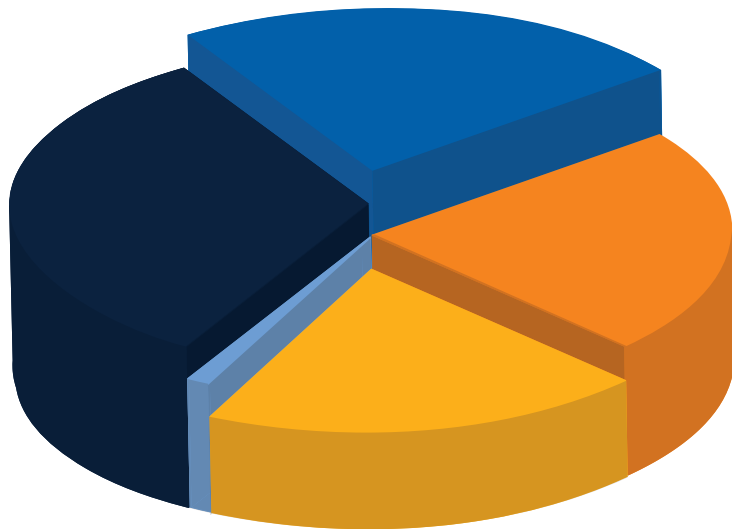
Monday, April 8th • 12pm – 5pm

**1,756** miEclipse Program  
Participants

**400+** miEclipse Watch  
Party Attendees

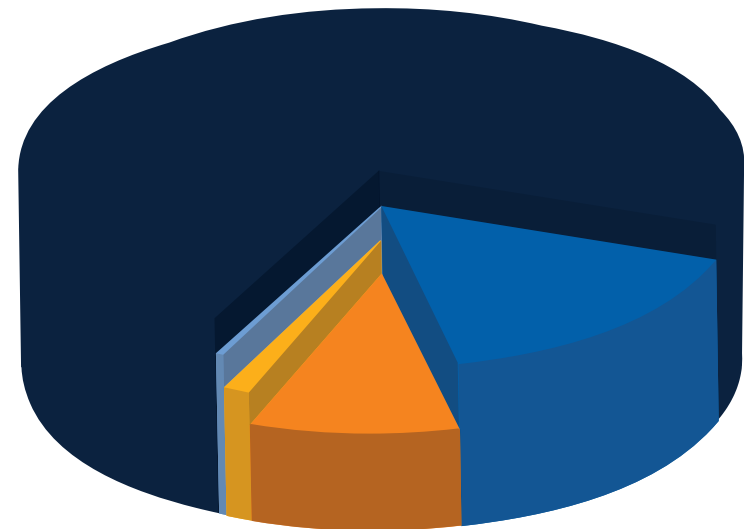
# miSci FISCAL YEAR 2023-24

## INCOME



<b>33%</b>	CONTRIBUTIONS
<b>23%</b>	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
<b>23%</b>	ADMISSION, MEMBERSHIP & RENTALS
<b>20%</b>	OTHER INCOME
<b>1%</b>	GRANTS

## EXPENSES



<b>73%</b>	ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS
<b>16%</b>	FACILITIES & DEPRECIATION
<b>10%</b>	COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES
<b>1%</b>	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
<b>&lt;1%</b>	DEVELOPMENT & MEMBERSHIP

# miSci EXHIBITIONS



## Changing Galleries

- *Model Trains Show*
- *Ground to Gourmet: Tracing the Origins of the Foods we Love*
- *Space to Spoon*
- *Taste of Science*
- *Engineering the Perfect Shot*
- *Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion*

## Lecture Gallery

- *The Golden Age of Science Comics*
- *Selling Electricity: The Death of Drudgery*
- *The Slide Rule Sisters*
- *Leonardos of the 518*

# miSci's ARCHIVES and COLLECTIONS

## Collections Donors July 2023 – June 2024

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Images and objects from miSci's Archives and Collection have been featured major publications like *Bloomberg*, *Boston Globe*, *Wall Street Journal*, *NY Times*, *Al Jazeera*, as well as in television programs, and films such as the 2018 movie *A Quiet Place*.



**10,000**  
Patents



**1,500**  
Films



**2,000**  
Books



**1,000s**  
Advertising  
Publications



Papers from more than  
**100 Scientists & Engineers**

**15,000**

**ARTIFACTS**  
from Science and Technology Innovation

**2M**

**HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS**  
of the electrical industry and General Electric (GE)

**400**

**AUDIO RECORDINGS**  
including a rare Edison tinfoil recording named to the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry

Founded in 1934, miSci is a center for learning, imagination, and creativity. miSci's Archives and Collection rank among the most important sources in the world for the history of the electrical industry.

## EACH YEAR miSci RECEIVES



**400 RESEARCHERS**  
utilize miSci's archives each year



**2,000 QUERIES**  
are received by miSci annually



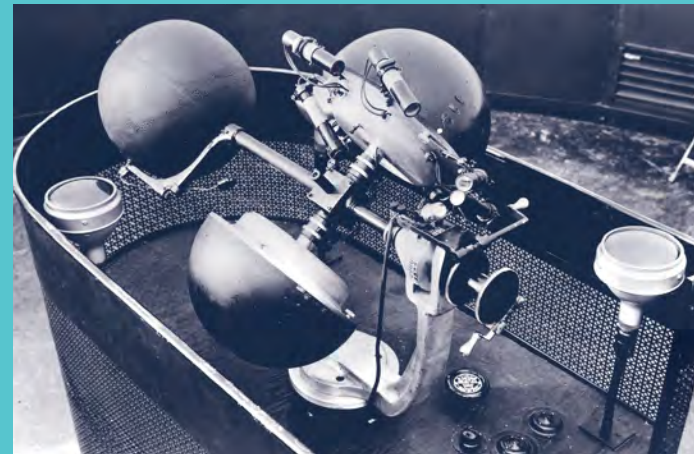
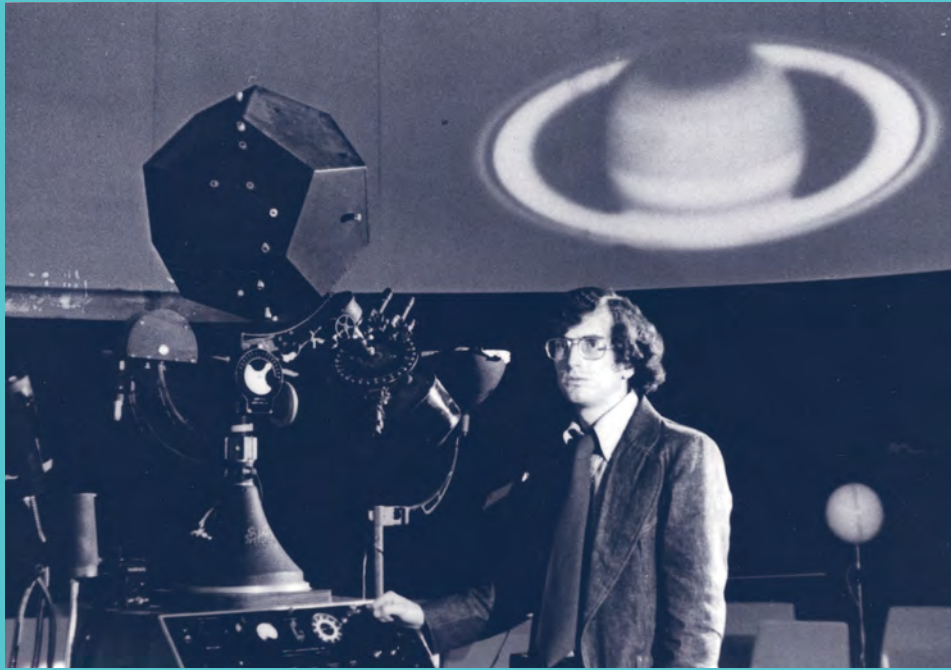
**30 COUNTRIES**  
inquiries originate from



# **miSci's planetarium THROUGH THE YEARS**

**The miSci Planetarium features recently upgraded 4k digital projection and surround sound. See the cosmos like never before!**





OPPOSITE PAGE  
*First projector with  
 Science Curator Russell  
 Carter 1950s*

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT  
*First projector with Bill  
 Kinsella, planetarium  
 director 1977 right  
 before deinstallation*

*First projector with  
 Science Curator Russell  
 Carter 2 1950s*

*Planetarium projector,  
 Steuben St019*

*First projector 1977 right  
 before deinstallation*

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