

# Diorama-rama Guidelines & Frequently Asked Questions

## What is a diorama?

A diorama is a three-dimensional constructed scene, usually made to scale. Dioramas depict stories, characters, landscapes, actions or events. In the case of natural history dioramas—animals are displayed in a naturalistic setting.

## What is the Bell Museum's Diorama-rama?

The diorama-rama at the Bell Museum is an event and an exhibition of dioramas made by you! It's a chance to see something you've made on display in a museum. At the event you can tour the Bell Museum's renowned habitat dioramas and see new exhibits. In addition to dioramas on display, the event will feature live music. Dioramas will be on display through the weekend of November 16-18, 2007.

## When is the diorama-rama? How do I get there? How much does it cost?

The diorama-rama is on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bell Museum from 7—10pm. The Bell Museum is located on the corner of 17<sup>th</sup> and University Avenue on the U of M's East Bank Campus. The diorama-rama is free with regular museum admission.

For directions and details visit the Bell Museum's website <http://www.bellmuseum.org/>

## I want to make a diorama! What should I do?

Gather materials and get started! Dioramas can be made inside of shoeboxes, cereal boxes, suitcases or anything three-dimensional. They can depict just about anything, although we've designated a theme (below) for those who would like to compete for free movie passes and other giveaways. And remember, this is a family-friendly event!

## Are there any technical requirements?

Your diorama can be made of any material that can be safely transported to the Bell Museum, and can be any size. Tables will be set-up in the museum's exhibition halls for smaller dioramas. We will try our best to accommodate larger dioramas. Please RSVP before bringing your diorama to the Bell Museum.

## When can I set-up / take home my diorama?

As long as you RSVP you may bring your diorama to the Bell Museum any time the week of November 11-16, 2007. You may also bring it with you to the event, although we prefer that all dioramas arrive no later than 6:30pm on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Dioramas will be on display through the weekend and can be picked up the following Monday.

## **Do I have to bring a diorama?**

No! The diorama-rama is a public event and exhibition and everyone is invited.

## **What is the theme?**

This year's diorama-rama theme is *Changing Landscapes*. While you don't need to follow the theme, prizes will be awarded to dioramas that best captures the phenomenon of changing landscapes—real or imaginary.

## **PLEASE RSVP if you are submitting a diorama:**

The Bell Museum's Diorama-rama is open to everyone! It is not a juried exhibition, and all are encouraged to bring something to display. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> with the following information:

*Your Name:*

*The Title of Your Diorama:*

*Materials Used:*

*Approximate Dimensions:*

*Any special instruction (i.e. electricity needs, etc.):*

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