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'Amazon Adventure' is an epic tale of discovery through the rainforest at Great Lakes Science Center

CLEVELAND (December 29, 2017) – Take a pulse-quickening, tropical ride through the rainforest and learn the epic, true story of explorer Henry Bates when "Amazon Adventure" opens in the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater on January 9.

The lush, beautiful Amazonian rainforest comes to life on the DOME Theater's six-story screen as movie-goers accompany Bates on his fascinating 11 year journey through the jungle, risking his life while he uncovers the "beautiful proof" of Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection.

As in any great detective story, audiences will experience compelling clues as Bates unearths his groundbreaking discovery of the phenomenon of mimicry, or, how certain animals eventually adopt the look of another animal to help them deceive predators and gain an advantage to survival.

While he may be little known to the public, Bates made other crucial contributions to biology including identifying 8,000 species new to science. These educational concepts, such as mimicry, camouflage, and the relationship between predator and prey, offer an introduction to core classroom ideas including ecosystems, variation of traits, unity and diversity, and the molecular structure of different organisms.

Audiences will be wowed by the vivid, mind-boggling examples of camouflage and mimicry and be inspired by Bates' endless curiosity and determination to explore the wilds of nature from the time he was a young boy. Start the New Year with this memorable story of passion and discovery at Great Lakes Science Center.

For show times, tickets and more information, visit GreatScience.com.

(Editor's note: The Science Center will be OPEN on December 31, January 1 and January 15. The Science Center's normal fall/winter operating schedule is Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.)

About Great Lakes Science Center

Great Lakes Science Center, home of the NASA Glenn Visitor Center, makes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) come alive for more than 300,000 visitors a year

through hundreds of hands-on exhibits, temporary exhibitions, the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater, Steamship *William G. Mather*, daily science demonstrations, seasonal camps, and more. The Science Center is funded in part by the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. Visit **GreatScience.com** for more information.

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