



New Exhibition

Train Experts Spread Joy at the MAH for 13th Annual Toy Trains Show

When: On view December 21st, 2018 - January 6th, 2019, Open from 10am-6pm
(Holiday Hours below)*

How much: Free

Where: [Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History](#), 705 Front St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

For the last 13 years, only one thing in Santa Cruz County has had the power to delight the young, old, and young-at-heart: Toy Trains.

This December, the MAH and the Golden State Toy Trains Operators will kick off the 13th Annual Toy Trains Show. Hundreds of local families gather in the MAH lobby every year to watch, play, and learn about toy trains with local experts at the helm.

Toy Trains invites the young and young-at-heart to learn from the very best train operators and—in typical MAH fashion—get hands-on with the display. Anyone can control the speed and direction of the toy trains, making every visitor an instant train conductor.

Toy Trains got its start when the Golden State Toy Trains Operators reached out to the MAH in 2005 looking to host a pop-up show. This group of experts and hobbyists wanted to share the joy of trains to the public. It was a perfect fit for the family-friendly holiday spirit at the MAH, and the GSTTO have kept on chugging every year since.

Welcoming in everyone with a smile, the toy train operators bring years of experience and passion to this exhibit. Visitors may not be able to help feeling the operators' joy and excitement as they share their encyclopedic train knowledge. As visitors step up to the display, they can expect to learn everything there is to know about the trains and their amazing stories. Replicated from famous streamliners and freight trains, the GSTTO's display never disappoints.

Visitors can also enter the MAH raffle for a chance to take the excitement of trains home. One lucky winner will be randomly selected on the last day of trains (January 6th) to win their very own toy train set. Donated by the Golden State Toy Trains Operators the raffle is free to enter.

As families come to enjoy toy trains for free, the museum will also be open. Visitors are invited to explore all three floors of interactive exhibitions inside the MAH. Come explore the colorful world of *Infinite Other* by MCXT and discover the unheard stories of Santa Cruz County inside the interactive History Gallery. Toy Trains is free, but daily admission into the museum is \$10 general, \$8 for students, and free for MAH Members and children under 5.

Toy Trains is a holiday classic that is made special with friends, family, community partnerships, and local history. It is one of the many free, family-friendly programs at the MAH. See what collaborative events, exhibitions, and festivals are coming up next at santacruzmah.org.

[Photos](#)

*** Holiday Hours**

Christmas Eve - 12/24: 10am-3pm
Closed on Christmas Day: 12/25
New Years Eve - 12/31: 10am-3pm

Closed on New Year's Day: 1/1
January First Friday - 1/4: 10am-9pm

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