New York Transit Museum

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15th Annual Holiday Train Show at Grand Central Terminal

Holiday Train Show on display from November 14, 2016 – February 26, 2017

Set against a backdrop designed by Brooklyn-based artist Julia Rothman, the New York Transit Museum continues to celebrate a beloved tradition with its 15th Annual Holiday Train Show on view at the Museum's Grand Central Gallery Annex & Store. The iconic holiday image of a model train, whirring by as it circles the base of a brightly-lit tree, evokes feelings of warmth and wonder in children and adults alike. To the delight of all, Lionel trains will journey along a 34' long, two-level, "O"gauge model train layout, departing from a miniature replica of Grand Central Terminal on their way to the North Pole. This year's exhibit showcases Lionel's Grand Central Express, Metro-North, Pennsylvania Flyer, Polar Express, and vintage subway train sets against a backdrop designed for the Museum's 40th anniversary.

Home of subway style, the New York Transit Museum Store offers great gifts for holiday shopping, including a wide selection of unique transit memorabilia, apparel, and toys. New items this holiday season include a subway station coloring book, neckties imprinted with a 1920s subway map of Lower Manhattan, 2017 NYC Subways wall calendars, and knee-high socks featuring a design of Grand Central Terminal's famed constellation ceiling. To start shopping online, visit nytransitmuseumstore.com.

The 15th Annual Holiday Train Show at Grand Central Terminal is on view through February 26, 2017. The New York Transit Museum Gallery Annex and Store at Grand Central is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 8pm; Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 6pm; and is closed on major holidays and for special events. The New York Transit Museum Gallery Annex and Store is located in the shuttle passage on 42nd Street and Park Avenue, adjacent to the Station Master's Office. It is free to the public year-round. For more information on hours, admission and directions, please visit: nytransitmuseum.org/visit.

ABOUT NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM:

The **New York Transit Museum**, one of the city's leading cultural institutions, is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York metropolitan region through the presentation of exhibitions, tours, educational programs and workshops dealing with the cultural, social and technological history of public transportation. Since its inception forty years ago, the Museum – which is housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Downtown Brooklyn – has grown in scope and popularity. The **New York Transit Museum** operates a Gallery Annex in Grand Central Terminal that presents changing exhibitions. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation

networks, the Museum strives to share through its public programs their rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

What: 15th Annual Holiday Train Show at Grand Central

When: November 14, 2016 – February 26, 2017

Where: New York Transit Museum Gallery Annex and Store at Grand Central Terminal

Shuttle Passage adjacent to the Stationmaster's Office

Link: www.nytransitmuseum.org/exhibits

Admission: FREE

Hours: Monday – Friday: 8am – 8pm

Saturday and Sunday: 10am - 6pm

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(High resolution images available upon request)

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