# B&O Railroad Museum Unveils New Model Train Gallery

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**Baltimore, MD - December 1, 2021 -** Southwest Baltimore's B&O Railroad Museum, home of the oldest and most comprehensive American railroad collections in the world, is proud to announce its new permanent exhibit, the Model Train Gallery, sponsored by Bank of America. Opening on December 6, 2021, this HO scale model train layout, designed by Jeff Springer of Custom Model Railroads of Baltimore, was donated by an anonymous donor and showcases Baltimore in the year 1997!

## **Gallery Depicts Magical Time in Baltimore**

Kids and adults alike will get lost in the exquisite detail of Baltimore. The layout depicts a magical time in the city, where the Orioles won the American League Division Series against the Seattle Mariners on October 5, 1997. The players are all perfectly matched for accuracy and the stadium contains 21,000 stick figures hand-painted by Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) students.

You can catch another well-known sporting event, the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico, where Silver Charm won the second crown in a photo finish while vying for the triple.

There's much more to see, such as watching operating models traveling from the Inner Harbor, through downtown Baltimore, and across the city north to the suburbs – all the while passing through significant landmarks in the city, again all showcased in intricate detail.

"We are so honored that the donor chose the B&O Railroad Museum to house this amazing layout for all to enjoy and that Bank of America is the Model Train Gallery's named sponsor," said Kris Hoellen, Executive Director of B&O Railroad Museum. "There is something for everyone in this Model Train Gallery and what better time to see a beautiful replica of Baltimore than during the Holiday season, it's a present for all of us!"











"The B&O Railroad Museum's newest model train gallery allows neighbors and visitors alike to experience historic moments in our city in a unique and fun way," said Janet Currie, President of Bank of America Greater Maryland. "Bank of America believes in the power of the arts to help educate and enrich communities, and this one-of-a-kind exhibit will help share a piece of Baltimore's story that has been frozen in time."

The HO scale Model Train Gallery is another exciting part of the plan to prepare for the 200th anniversary of American railroading in 2027.

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### **About the B&O Railroad Museum**

The B&O Railroad Museum, a full affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture, and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most comprehensive collection of railroad artifacts in the Western Hemisphere including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of American Railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. In 2019, the Museum welcomed guests from all 50 states and 40 countries. For further information on the B&O Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit www.BORail.org.

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