

## SAG N.Y. Host Committee Friends and Family Day at Museum

New York SAG members and their guests were treated to a very special afternoon at the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, Queens on October 1. This special outing was a joint collaboration of SAG's N.Y. Host Committee and the museum. After a tour of the museum, members stopped by the SAG hospitality suite for refreshments and to mingle with their fellow members, SAG elected and staff. With close to 550 attendees, the event was a huge success.

Exhibitions included *Jim Henson's Fantastic World*, which featured more than 120 artifacts, including drawings, storyboards and props. This exhibition accurately depicts Henson's boundless creativity and innumerable accomplishments. Puppets of Miss Piggy, Kermit the Frog, Rowlf the Dog and Bert and Ernie were also on display. This exhibit was a favorite for everyone, whether young or old. Attendees were also treated to *The Beginning of Video Games*. Ralph Baer, who was one of the key figures in the invention of video games back in the 1960s, participated in a live discussion via Skype. He discussed the brown-box prototype, which led to the development of the first video game console. The Q&A session that followed was very interesting.

Mike Hodge, SAG N.Y. Division president, said, "We are so grateful to the museum for making this day possible. Before today, I hadn't had a chance to visit. I loved it — it was interesting, exciting, educational and I can't wait to go back."

Rebecca Damon, SAG N.Y. Division vice

president and N.Y. Host Committee co-chair, said, "It was a wonderful opportunity for members and their friends and families to interact with one another while seeing a world-class museum. The Jim Henson exhibit with all its creativity — from *Sesame Street* to *The Muppet Show* to *Fraggle Rock* — was a perfect topper to an already excellent day."

Kevin Scullin, N.Y. Board member and member of the N.Y. Host Committee, commented, "The event at the Museum of the Moving Image was a wonderful day in every way. Our SAG members, their families and friends seemed to really enjoy it. There was something for everyone and the variety of the exhibits was fantastic. The N.Y. Host Committee hopes to have similar types of events in the future."

SAG member Tessa Martin said that she was thrilled to be able to bring her family to this special outing at the museum. "I recently learned that my 7 and 10-year-old nephews were not familiar with *Sesame Street*. Having grown up as a huge *Sesame Street* fan, I found that hard to believe. When I learned about this event, I was excited to bring them. The boys had such a great time at the Henson exhibit and loved seeing all of the puppets. They are still



**MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE**

From left, Mike Hodge, SAG N.Y. Division president; B.G. Hacker, director of events, Museum of the Moving Image; Rebecca Damon, SAG N.Y. Division vice president and SAG N.Y. Host Committee co-chair; Ben Robinson, SAG member; Verania Kenton, SAG member volunteer; and Dave Bachman, N.Y. Board member

singing the songs they learned that day!"

The Museum of the Moving Image is a one-of-a-kind museum dedicated to the art, history, and technology of the moving image in all its forms. Every weekend the museum presents public programs for audiences of all ages that include screenings, guided tours, educational programs and hands-on exhibits. The museum is a quick subway ride from Manhattan, which makes it easily accessible. For more information, please visit [movingimage.us](http://movingimage.us).

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