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Herod Exhibition Extended until January 2014



Jerusalem, April 9, 2013 – In response to unprecedented public interest, the Israel Museum announced today that *Herod the Great: The King's Final Journey* will remain on view for an additional three months through January 4, 2014. The extension allows the Museum to better accommodate the significant numbers of visitors and school groups from throughout Israel as well as international

tourists who are coming to experience the exhibition. In the eight weeks since the February 13 opening, *Herod the Great* received over 75,000 visitors, and, during the recent Passover and Easter holidays, over 3,000 visitors per day attended the exhibition. Timed tickets are issued during peak hours, in order to minimize waiting time, and visitors are encouraged to come on Sundays and other weekday mornings. Tickets may also be purchased online in advance at ticketing.imj.org.il.

About the exhibition

The life and legacy of Herod the Great, ruler of Judea from 37-4 BCE and considered among the most important imperial figures in history, is the focus of this groundbreaking archaeology exhibition. Centered on the findings from Herod's tomb at Herodium – uncovered in 2007 after a forty-year search – *Herod the Great* presents over 250 unique archaeological artifacts, exploring for the first time the life of this controversial king, whose historical and physical imprint is virtually unchallenged in this region. Many artifacts are on display for the first time and are illustrated by reconstructions of Herodian sites using original material. The exhibition also features a monumental, full-size reconstruction of the burial chamber of the king's mausoleum, including the intricately carved sarcophagus believed to have held his body, together with fragments from the Second Temple of Jerusalem and reconstructed palace chambers decorated with meticulously restored wall paintings and stucco and mosaic work. *Herod the Great* is curated by David Mevorah, Curator of Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine Periods, and Dr. Silvia Rozenberg, Rodney E. Soher Senior Curator of Classical Archaeology.

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