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Gal Gadot (Diana Prince/Wonder Woman) in the action adventure film "Batman V. Superman: Dawn of Justice" (WARNER BROS. PICTURES/DC COMICS)



Evangeline Lilly as Hope van Dyne in Marvel's "Ant-Man."

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S.I. Museum at Snug sets opening date

After a \$26.8M makeover, Building A will be ready for its big reveal in September

By Rob Bailey
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After four years of construction, the \$26.8 million City-funded renovation of Building A into the new home of the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is complete.

Museum staffers are currently in the process of outfitting the space with its inau-

gural exhibitions, which will open to the public with much fanfare from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

"We are ecstatic to be opening the doors to our new museum on the grounds of Snug Harbor this fall. We have been working so hard in preparation for this moment and are elated to share our

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A rendering of the new Staten Island Museum space at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden. The museum officially opens to the public on Sept. 19. (COURTESY OF STATEN ISLAND MUSEUM)

STATEN ISLAND MUSEUM

Grand opening: Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Building A, Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Livingston

Hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for members and children under 12. On Oct. 1, admission will increase to \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and \$2 for children under 12. Free for members.

More info: 718-425-3504; snug-harbor.org

Museum

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extensive collection with the public," said Cheryl Adolph, interim president and CEO of the Staten Island Museum.

Opening-day festivities will include free admission, the ribbon-cutting ceremony, lawn games for families, food, live music, crafts for kids and some special surprises.

"Staten Island is going through a major transformation right now as people are exploring their neighborhoods, their city, their histories and discovering how truly incredible this borough is," Adolph said.

"We welcome the curious doers and thinkers from all over New York City and beyond to find those dynamic connections between natural science, art and history that



"We have been working so hard in preparation (of the Staten Island Museum's opening) ... and are elated to share our extensive collection with the public," said Cheryl Adolph, interim president and CEO of the Museum. (STATEN ISLAND MUSEUM)

we have been collecting for them since 1881."

The merriment continues on Sunday, Sept. 20, with a members-only preview from

10 a.m. to noon, followed by free admission from noon to 5 p.m. with guided tours, music, food and special guests.

The Museum also will

host an invitation-only preview opening for founding members and major donors on Friday, Sept. 18.

For information on how to receive an invitation, please email AStaniere@Staten-IslandMuseum.org or call 718-483-7119.

The Staten Island Museum's expansion is a dream 50 years in the making, which began when Snug Harbor, the nationally significant historic site, was saved from demolition through the leadership and efforts of its museum members in 1965.

Regular admission and hours for the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor will be the same as the Staten Island Museum on Stuyvesant Place in St. George (which will remain open to the public) and allows access to both locations on the same day.

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