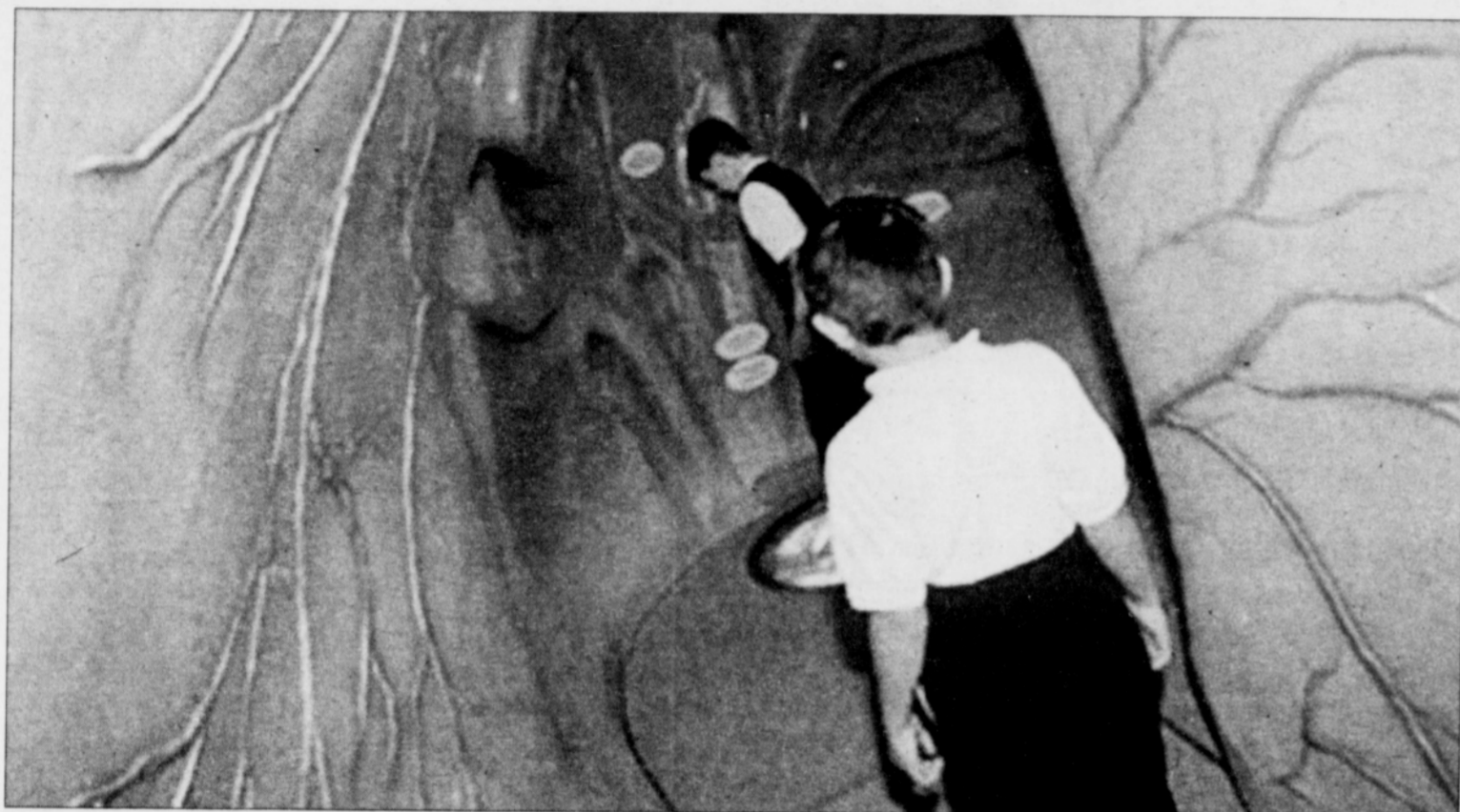


Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Begin your journey into the world of OMSI's Grossology by stepping inside Tour de Nose to learn about air filtering and heating, olfaction, mucus production and other gross stuff.

Gross Has and Always Will Be Cool OMSI hosts 'impolite' science of the human body

The engrossing, but mostly gross Oregon Museum of Science exhibit that allows kids to crawl through a 30-foot digestive tract, sniff out the body's smelliest odors, climb a human skin wall of scabs and pimples and view a vomit display is back by popular demand.

Kids and adults alike are welcome to enter (through a big, toothy mouth) OMSI's Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body exhibit, now open and running until Jan. 6.

What makes a nose run? Why does drinking soda make us burp? Where does food travel during digestion? These are the questions

OMSI invites visitors to probe as they explore all the slimy, mushy, oozy, scaly and stinky gross (yet scientific) things that occur every day inside us.

Adapted from the best-selling children's book, Grossology, by author and science teacher Sylvia Branzei, the internationally touring exhibition uses sophisticated animatronics and imaginative features to explain the good, the bad and the downright ugly about runny noses, body odor and the like.

"This is science in disguise," said Branzei, a teacher, writer, curriculum designer and microbiologist. "If we teach students in their own words,

they'll understand better and actually learn something."

Visitors have the opportunity to be a kidney and walk through a giant nose, not to mention stop by the Toot Toot exhibit, play Gas Attack pinball, and even launch dirt balls into larger-than-life-size, booger-producing nostrils.

Grossology's last Portland appearance at OMSI in 2001 was so wildly popular, museum organizers were inspired to stage an encore.

The price of the exhibit is included in paid museum admission. \$12 for adults and \$9 for youth. For more information, visit omsi.edu or call 503-797-4000.

Fred Meyer Young Artists Showcase

Fred Meyer is inviting teen artists to showcase their work in the remodeled deli of its Hawthorne store. Through The Fred Meyer Venue for Young Artists, the company hopes to help creative teenagers succeed in the often challenging and competitive world of art.

"Young artists need to be encouraged, now more than ever, particularly since so many schools are cutting back on art education," says Casey Currey-Wilson, teen artist whose works are currently on display at the store, located at 3805 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd. It was his idea to start the new venture, which will focus exclusively on young artists.

"I want to give other teenagers a chance to display their work and get the recognition they deserve,"



The Hawthorne Fred Meyer store is providing wall space to exhibit the creative works of young artists.

Currey-Wilson said.

Interested teens must submit their work online, and guidelines for

submission are available on Currey-Wilson's website at caseycurreywilson.com.

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