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## Bill Hunt takes his seat as Museum of Art chair



Carnegie Museum of Art has added yet another distinguished and talented Pittsburgher to its list of board chairs. Bill Hunt recently took over the role of chairman after serving on the board since 2000. He is also a trustee of Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh and a member of Carnegie Museums' Executive Committee.

"I am honored to be chairman," Hunt says, "and look forward to working with the museum's dedicated staff and board and building on the great work that's already been done."

Succeeding Marcia Gumberg, who served as chair for the past six years and will continue to serve on the board as emerita trustee, Hunt has a long history of commitment to local organizations. President and chief executive officer of the real estate development firm Elmhurst Corporation, Hunt is a trustee of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation and a member of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. He also has served as chairman of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, president of Pittsburgh Public Theater, and president of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Office and Industrial Properties.

"We welcome Bill Hunt's leadership," says Richard Armstrong, the Henry J. Heinz II director of Carnegie Museum of Art, "and we anticipate continued success in collecting art and presenting great exhibitions to the region."

## The fun of science at this year's SciTech

Who says science can't be fun? Certainly not the folks bringing this year's *SciTech Spectacular* to vibrant life at Carnegie Science Center October 13-22.





To prove that science can even be a laughing matter, they've invited not one but two British scientists/comedians—Dr. Harry Witchel, a respected physiologist at the University of Bristol and funny guy, and Timandra Harkness, a freelance science writer and occasional stand up comic—to make special presentations. Doesn't "The Science of Dating" and "POW! Superhuman Science" sound like fun?

Expect even more fun with the hysterical and spectacular mint-powered version of the Bellagio Foundations in Las Vegas, compliments of Internet celebrities "the Diet Pop/Mentos guys." Find out what happens when you combine 200 liters of Diet pop and more than 500 Mentos mints!

Of course, science has its touchy-feely side, too. For that, SciTech turns to the Senso Car. Developed by Bayer MaterialScience and Rinspeed, this concept car actually "senses" the driver—his or her pulse and driving behavior—and then responds accordingly. For example, depending on the operator's mood, the Senso Car's four LCD monitors might emit orange/yellow (stimulating), blue/violet (relaxing), or green (neutral) color patterns that "bathe the cockpit in dazzle-free ambient light." In addition, the Senso comes equipped with sounds, scents, and action; should the driver start to show signs of fatigue, the electric motors in the seat will shake him.

According to the Senso Car's creators, "A person who is relaxed and wide awake simply drives better and more safely."

For the sheer sensory thrill of it, the *SciTech Spectacular* will also have the Segway Obstacle Course up and running—or, more accurately, gliding. Sporting five gyros, two tilt sensors, and some pretty complex hardware, the Segway Human Transporter is said to sample and react to its rider's center of gravity 100 times per second, making gliding as easy as walking.

*SciTech* visitors can also explore interactive exhibits from Pittsburgh's hottest science and technology companies; experience the hi-tech sports and hi-tech vehicle zones; enjoy live comedy, music, and more.

The *SciTech Spectacular* is the only event of its kind in the United States. For a preview of events, go to [www.SciTechSpec.org](http://www.SciTechSpec.org) or call 412.237.3335.

### Who let the bugs out?

Joining forces, the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Agriculture Department's (USDA's) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and Carnegie Museum of Natural History are determined