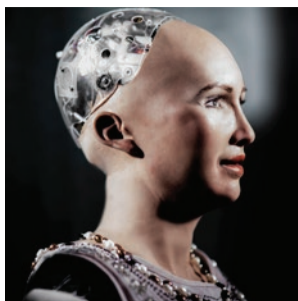




MAY 2022

FOUNDATIONS



HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CELEBRATION TO PRESENT WORLD'S FIRST HUMANOID AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The keynote address at the 2022 Hall of Fame Induction Celebration on October 23 will be given by Sophia, the world's first humanoid celebrity. Her onstage, in-person conversation will be her first interaction with the home furnishings industry.

Sophia will enchant us with her superhuman intelligence and her advanced ability to read faces and understand the nuances of language. She interacts with people using thousands of facial expressions. Sophia will answer candid questions from the audience and guests will have the opportunity to have their photos taken with her.

Sophia is the brainchild of Dr. David Hanson, a former Disney Imagineer and founder of Hong Kong-based Hanson Robotics. Sophia has spoken before the United Nations General Assembly and appeared on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, among others.

For more information: www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com



CONSTRUCTION AND EXHIBITS UPDATE

Our new home is on schedule to open at the April 2023 Market. Last week, the Creative Team consisting of David Gebhart, Caroline Hipple, Kyle Hughes and Karen McNeill met with the architects John Kennett, Peter Freeman and Brian Cheek for the highly detailed finishings meeting. In less than four hours, we were able to make the final selections of all flooring, ceilings, grout, baseboards, stain, paint, countertops and hardware. Ours will be a beautiful home: inspiring, light and airy.

This week we top off the steel structures for the building expansion and begin construction on the window framing and the interior walls. The equipment for the catering kitchen has been ordered and the fixtures for the bathrooms will be ordered soon. On June 1, ROTO, our global exhibits design firm begins construction of the exhibits. Did we mention that ROTO delivered to us the final creative plans? A 200-page book of the creative development of the exhibits – from experience, interpretive and art direction through design of the Hall of Fame, galleries, interactive concepts and construction – is a treasury of never-ending details and a memory book of the hours of meetings and creative sessions that have been devoted to planning. Now, we begin the tangible exhibits building process.

None of this would be possible without our more than 125 donors giving from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000. Phase 2 of our Founder's Campaign is underway. It is not too late to play a role and to be able to say that you are a Founder of the place that we will soon call home. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to support the \$150 billion industry that we all love; one that has given each of us not just a livelihood but lifelong friends.

“We are a noble industry: We improve lives by creating beautiful homes.”

To become a Founder, please contact Karen McNeill, CEO and Chief Vision Officer, 336.848.1010.



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