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**Back by popular demand at Explora: discover the fanciful delight
of *Mechanics Alive!* Traveling Exhibition**

Explora invites families of all ages to discover the history, science, and pure whimsy of this exhibition favorite: ***Mechanics Alive!*** on display now through fall 2023 at our second-floor Studio Inventivo space. Guests can witness 14 separate automata, each detailing a delightful tale with exquisite and intricate design work, plus activity boards, video featuring automata artists' interviews, lively hands-on activities, kits, and more. Explora's new Director of Exhibits, Hugh McDonald, states, "This collection is so uniquely charming; once people see how these quirky stories unfold, and how the obviously handmade mechanisms are so skillfully crafted, they can't resist them."

Applying the curious aspects of automata to study science and mechanics more closely has an intriguing historical resonance. While automata generally were crafted for entertainment, delight, and ritual, they were also a vital channel for technological discovery. Today's automata carry this tradition of inspired invention and ingenuity funneled through science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics: those STEAM principles that drive both curiosity and critical understanding of the world around us.

Mechanics Alive! invites visitors to bring these 14 delightful artworks alive for themselves, learning more about the engineering that animates each piece, telling a delightful and sometimes satirical tale for generations to enjoy. Media is encouraged to come and witness the exhibit at their convenience. For an onsite tour, more information, or Director interviews, please contact Amythyst Marciano at (505) 582-9720 or amarciano@explora.us



About Explora: Explora is a science center and children’s museum in Albuquerque, with a mission of creating opportunities for inspirational discovery and the joy of lifelong learning through interactive experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). Explora serves thousands of people of all backgrounds each year and is dedicated to improving New Mexico’s educational and economic outcomes.

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