

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Laura Hubbard

TEL: (512) 936-4600 **CELL:** (512) 656-8055

E-MAIL: laura.hubbard@thestoryoftexas.com

MODEL TRAINS ROLLING INTO BULLOCK MUSEUM

Train Day to offer family fun and special screenings of 'Rocky Mountain Express'

March 4, 2013 (Austin, TX) — Hear train whistles blow and axles grind as miniature locomotives chug along tiny rails set in intricate scenes during Train Day at the Bullock Texas History Museum on March 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fun, educational activities include free model train demonstrations produced in conjunction with Tinplate Trackers of Austin, crafts for kids, and special screenings of "Rocky Mountain Express" in the Bullock's IMAX Theatre.

Children will be mesmerized by miniature-sized model train engines whirling around tracks laid out in the museum's lobby. Adults may channel their inner engineers as they talk with model train enthusiasts and view elaborate model railroad scenes, including detailed cities and towns, rural landscapes and a mini carnival complete with a live-action carousel.

Train Day model layouts will include demonstrations that Tinplate Trackers of Austin has designed and members will discuss the origin of their designs.

In the IMAX Theatre, the museum will feature special presentations of "Rocky Mountain Express," throughout the day. The film breathes new life into a remarkable North American railway legend, the Canadian Pacific Railway. Completed in 1885, construction of the railway ranks among the greatest engineering feats of all time. Viewers will discover some of the most beautiful and rugged landscapes on earth and the human drama and epic engineering that shaped a continent. Movie tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for children under 18.

The Museum and IMAX Theatre are located in downtown Austin at 1800 N. Congress Ave. at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. between the State Capital complex and the University of Texas campus.

Admission to the model train demonstration is free. Admission fees for entrance to museum exhibitions are: \$9 for adults; \$8 for college students (with valid ID); \$7 for seniors/military (with valid ID); \$6 for youth ages 4-17, free for ages 3 and under. Museum members may visit for free. For more information, visit www.thestoryoftexas.com or call (512)936-8746.

###

ABOUT THE BULLOCK TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, Texas tells the Story of Texas with three floors of interactive exhibits, special effects films in the Texas Spirit Theater and Austin's IMAX® Theatre which features the largest screen in Texas. The museum's education department offers fun-filled educational programming for a wide audience. Former Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock was the force behind the creation of the Bullock Museum, which is a division of the State Preservation Board.