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The Art & Engineering of Joey, the War Horse

presented in partnership with the National Theatre in America

Sunday, February 22, 2026 at MOXI

10 - 11 AM • Private VIP Meet and Greet Event

11 AM - 12 PM • Public Viewing at the museum

Santa Barbara, CA, (Tuesday, February 10, 2026) – MOXI, The Wolf Museum of Exploration + Innovation, is excited to welcome Joey, from the National Theatre's production of *War Horse*, by Handspring Puppet Company, for an exclusive family-friendly reception on Sunday, February 22.

Guests can get up close with this remarkable life-sized horse and discover how puppeteers use science, technology, and theatrical artistry to replicate incredibly lifelike movements and mannerisms for audiences around the world.

This private event is accessible by invitation only, and free to attend. RSVP is required.

Guests are welcome to stay and enjoy the museum afterwards. Joey will be making his way

through the museum for a public viewing from 11 AM - 12 PM after the reception. To learn more about this event contact Jen Norling at jen.norling@moxi.org.

War Horse, the National Theatre's production based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo adapted by Nick Stafford, tells the story of the horses sold to the army for service in the First World War. Joey and other puppets share the stage with an ensemble of actors. Joey is brought to life by three puppeteers, known as the Head, the Heart, and the Hind. They work together to create the emotions and character of a horse through breath, noise, and movement.

Joey the War Horse's Journey to Santa Barbara is made possible by a leadership gift from Lily Hahn Shining, with additional support from Dorothy Largay & Wayne Rosing

See the international phenomenon come alive on screen with a National Theatre Live Screening of *War Horse* on Monday, February 23 at Ensemble Theatre Company at the New Vic. To learn more about National Theatre in America, please visit their [website](#).

Founding support for National Theatre Live at ETC is generously provided by Cheryl Goldberg, Kath Lavidge and Ed McKinley, Margaret and Barry Kemp, Kandy and Dr. Aaron Budgor, Susan and Mark Bradley, Michele Brustin, Robin and Dan Cerf, Belle Hahn, Siri and Bob Marshall, Stephanie and Fred Shuman, and Deborah David and Norman Kurland.

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About MOXI

MOXI, The Wolf Museum of Exploration + Innovation® is dedicated to igniting learning through interactive experiences in science and creativity. Located in the heart of Santa Barbara's Funk Zone at 125 State Street, the museum is LEED-certified Gold and serves curious minds of all ages through its hands-on exhibits and education programs. MOXI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization generously supported by its daily guests, members, facility rentals, and [donations from individuals, foundations, and corporate partners](#). For more information, visit moxi.org.

About the National Theatre Company in America / Ensemble Theatre Company

National Theatre in America (NT in America) is a New York-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes and supports the work of the National Theatre in both the UK and the United States. For almost six decades, the National Theatre has shared work with American

audiences on Broadway, such as *War Horse*, *Angels in America* and *The Lehman Trilogy*, off-Broadway, across national tours, in cinemas nationwide, and directly in classrooms and homes. Since 2005, NT in America has granted more than \$60 million to the National Theatre, providing essential funding for its mission. The NT and NT in America are currently undertaking "Stories Start Here", a £125m fundraising campaign dedicated to powering the creation of unforgettable stories - on stages, screens and in classrooms - around the world. To date, NT in America donors in the US have contributed nearly 26% of the funds raised. Founded in 1978, Ensemble Theatre Company (ETC) is Santa Barbara's premier professional theater company, dedicated to producing thought-provoking and entertaining theater that reflects the diverse voices and stories of the Santa Barbara community.