

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES RARE 19th CENTURY
SICILIAN MUMMY TO APPEAR IN MUMMIES OF THE WORLD
THE BLOCKBUSTER EXHIBIT OF 2010**



American Exhibitions, Inc. is pleased to announce the acquisition of a rare 19th Century Friar from the catacombs of the Capuchin Monastery in Palermo, Italy, which shall be included in its blockbuster traveling exhibit *Mummies of the World: The Dream of Eternal Life*.

The story of the Sicilian mummies reveals details of life and death centuries ago and is featured in the February 2009 issue of *National Geographic*. The issue beautifully illustrates the mystery, reverence and scientific relevance of the crypts and catacombs found within the villages of Italy. A picture of the rare 19th Century Friar, which is part of the blockbuster traveling exhibit *Mummies of the World: The Dream of Eternal Life*, is found on Page 131. The largest mummy exhibit worldwide, *Mummies of the World* is poised to bring record breaking attendance to science centers and museums in its limited United States tour, commencing Summer 2010.

The exhibit, presented by American Exhibitions, Inc., in association with the Reiss-Engelhorn-Museums, Mannheim, Germany, provides a window into the lives, history and cultures of every major region of the world. Using state-of-the-art scientific and forensic research, the secrets of the mummies are now revealed.

American Exhibitions, Inc. is a producer of museum- quality touring exhibitions for science centers and museums whose mission is to produce blockbuster exhibits that physically, intellectually and emotionally excite, educate and engage those who experience them. As a member of the Association of Science-Technology Centers (ASTC) and the American Association of Museums (AAM), American Exhibitions, Inc. is one of the largest, privately- funded exhibitors in the United States. The Reiss-Engelhorn-Museums, an internationally- acclaimed complex in Mannheim, Germany, has been one of the major venues for exhibitions in Europe in the realms of archeology and world cultures. With a collection that began in the early 1700's, the museum houses over 1.2 million objects in its collection, comprising over 300,000 square feet of exhibition space.

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