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MARY & HER MONSTER EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTS THE BRILLIANT MIND BEHIND FRANKENSTEIN

Preview Party October 27, 2016, Public Opening October 29, 2016

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – The Bakken Museum is pleased to announce the opening of its newest exhibit, *Mary and Her Monster: Mary Shelley and the world that created Frankenstein* on Saturday, October 29, 2016 during the fall Discovery Days event. The exhibit sheds light on the life of this daring teenager from the early 1800s who found inspiration in the art and science of her time to write the first science fiction novel, *Frankenstein*.

“We began developing this exhibit with teenagers in mind, but we discovered that this powerful story connects with everyone,” said The Bakken’s Chief Curator Juliet Burba, “Astounding developments in modern science and technology make the ethical questions raised in Mary’s novel more relevant today than ever before.”

Interactive experiences create an immersive environment where curious minds of all ages can learn about Mary’s life, including a magic bookcase filled with artifacts and books from The Bakken collection and a living portrait of Mary that allows visitors to hear about the people, science, art and culture that inspired her. It serves as a companion to the popular *Frankenstein’s Laboratory* exhibit loved by children and adults alike, and coincides with the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley’s “waking dream” that inspired her to write the novel.

Discovery Days is a daylong event surrounding the October 29 opening featuring hands-on activities for the whole family – costumes encouraged.

Discovery Days activities include:

- Design an Electric Light-up Mask
- Make your own Monster
- Virtual reality experiences by Visual
- Selfies with Mary and Frankenstein
- One-of-a-kind artwork by Scribblebot

The *Mary and Her Monster* Preview Party is a ticketed 21+ event on the evening of Thursday, October 27 that gives adults a first look at the exhibit before it opens to the general public, and includes a private preview of *Out of Chaos*, a new exhibit of illustrations by artist, cartoonist and former Low bassist Zak Sally.

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The Bakken Museum inspires a passion for science and its potential for social good by helping people foster a passion for science, technology, innovation and the humanities. The Bakken features a world-renowned collection of books and artifacts, multiple galleries focusing on the wonders of electricity and the life sciences, and The Florence Bakken Medicinal Garden. For more information, visit www.thebakken.org or call 612-926-3878.