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New Museum of Science And Industry Exhibition Retells History of Famous Volcanic Eruption in Rome

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Aphrodite, the ancient Greek Goddess and Mother of Cupid, is first to greet you as you enter [Pompeii: The Exhibition](#) at the Museum of Science and Industry.

The Greek goddess is one of 150 artifacts on loan from the [Naples National Archeological Museum](#) to help tell the fateful story of Pompeii, the Roman city destroyed by a volcano almost 2,000 years ago.

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"This will tell the story of the way that these people in Pompeii lived, worked, how they worshiped, how they entertained themselves and how, unfortunately, they met their untimely fate," said exhibition curator, Dr. Voula Saridakis.

Almost 2,000 full-body casts were recovered from the rubble. The exhibition features several replicas, including a dog cast.

These people fell exactly where they were standing, Dr. Saridakis said.

"It got difficult for them to breath," she said. "They would cover their mouths with cloth or something. It's just a very powerful statement of how these people perished."

Pompeii: The Exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry runs through Sept. 4.

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