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### Wing Luke Museum Opens New Science Fiction Exhibit, *Worlds Beyond Here*, on Oct 12

**Seattle, WA:** On October 12, 2018, the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (The Wing) will open *Worlds Beyond Here: The Expanding Universe of APA Science Fiction*, which looks at the connection between Asian Pacific Americans and the infinite possibilities of science fiction. The exhibit follows the path of a young Sci Fi fan becoming an empowered creator, limited only by imagination.

Popular science fiction has had a disappointing lack of Asian Pacific American (APA) representation in American media, based primarily on stereotypes. Despite this, APAs have had and continue to have a large impact in science fiction, often behind the scenes, and a number of pioneering APA artists, actors, designers, writers, animators, and directors have persevered and inspired new generations of fans/creators with their stories and visions. For many Asian Pacific Americans, science fiction addresses issues related to identity, immigration and race, technology, morality and the human condition, all while capturing the imagination through exciting adventures in outer space and time travel.

The exhibition, which features a mix of literary and pop culture works, encourages museum visitors to see how science fiction reflects the times they were written in. The creative process draws in ideas about how we build our world and how we imagine the future – and the artists featured in this exhibit inspire us to find our own vision.

Visitors will enter the exhibit where most science fiction fandom begins – a teen bedroom. As they journey through the six different rooms, they will be able to:

- Take a seat in the Captain's Chair on board a replication of the *Star Trek* bridge while viewing some of **George Takei's** famous memorabilia
- Materials and videos from the Oscar Nominated film *Arrival*, which was based on a short story by **Ted Chiang**
- Enter a Virtual Reality world, where you are the alien based on a short story by local author **E. Lily Yu**
- View a sculptural installation by **June Sekiguchi** inspired by **Ken Liu** books on "silk punk"
- Observe an alien landscape mural based on APA authors by local artist **Stasia Burrington**

The exhibit will also feature pieces, such as an Augmented Reality sculpture garden, a Connection Machine (early supercomputer) from the Living Computers Museum, and robot costumes designed and built by a local teenage cosplayer.

*Worlds Beyond Here* will be on display from October 12, 2018-September 15, 2019.

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