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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is pleased to welcome educators, students, and the general public to explore connections between the geosciences and the arts during **The Late Shift: STEAM-Powered December**.

The event, which will kick off the Earth Science Week 2018 theme of "Earth as Inspiration," will include hands-on activities, demonstrations linking art and geoscience, and opportunities to craft "take home" artworks based in Earth science. In addition, educational materials such as Earth Science Week Toolkits will be available for free for teachers, students, homeschoolers, and others to take away.

The event represents an exciting partnership between AGI and The Torpedo Factory, the beginning of a year-long collaboration intended to strengthen education and promote awareness of Earth science. These organizations recognize that creativity, problem-solving, and critical-thinking skills are important to both the arts and the Earth sciences.

The Late Shift: STEAM-Powered December

Friday, December 15, 2017 | 7-11pm

Torpedo Factory Art Center

105 N. Union Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

Free admission, **RSVP here!**

Reaching over 50 million people annually, AGI leads Earth Science Week in cooperation with its sponsors and the geoscience community as a service to the public. Each October, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. Learn more at www.earthsciweek.org.

Earth Science Week is supported by many organizations, including the U.S. Geological Survey; the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation; National Park Service; NASA; Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration; Geological Society of America; American Geophysical Union; Association of American State Geologists; AmericaView; Howard Hughes Medical Institute; and Archaeological Institute of America.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of 52 scientific and professional associations that represents more than 260,000 geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

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