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Time running out for Race to the End of the Earth, Closing October 14

Victoria, BC – The *Race to the End of the Earth* exhibition is coming to a close on Monday Oct. 14, last day of the long Thanksgiving weekend in Canada and Columbus Day in the U.S.

This is the last chance to go back in time with photographs and original artifacts from Amundsen's and Scott's expeditions. Experience the epic adventures of Norwegian Roald Amundsen and Captain Robert Falcon Scott of the British Royal Navy as they risk everything in their quest to be the first to reach the South Pole in 1911-12.

The *Race to the End of the Earth* exhibition includes life-sized re-creations of Scott's hut at Cape Evans, including his study and three of his crew members' living spaces, and Amundsen's underground workrooms, where his crew was able to work on their gear protected from the extreme wind and cold outside. It also contains an impactful account of the British team's final days including the last letter by Scott to his friend and publisher Reginald Smith, written in the small tent in which he, Edward Wilson and Henry Bowers died on their return from the South Pole.

Near the end of the exhibition is a series of video clips showcasing the work of Royal BC Museum exhibit arts technician and conservator Jana Stefan. Jana recently returned from her second trip to Antarctica as part of an international effort to restore Scott's expedition base camp and preserve the more than 10,000 artifacts that remain there in the extreme polar environment.

The exhibition also demonstrates how scientists live and work in Antarctica today, and what they are learning about the continent's surprising sub-ice landscape, ocean currents and weather.

An IMAX film complements the theme of Antarctic exploration. Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure will continue, the last film showing is Thursday, October 24. This film tells the extraordinary story of another British explorer's legendary Transantarctic Expedition in 1914-16. Special Royal BC Museum and IMAX combo pricing is available.

For tickets to the exhibition, visit explore.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca

About the Royal BC Museum

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enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Its two-hectare cultural precinct in Victoria includes a number of historically significant buildings and First Nations sites.

For more information about the Royal BC Museum, visit www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca or call 1-888-447-7977.

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Additional Events at the Royal BC Museum:

Quest Lecture: Jana Stefan

Thursday, October 3, 2013

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Stefan has lived and worked in Antarctica for two seasons, enduring extreme living conditions in order to preserve the world's most remote historic site, R.F. Scott's Expedition Hut.