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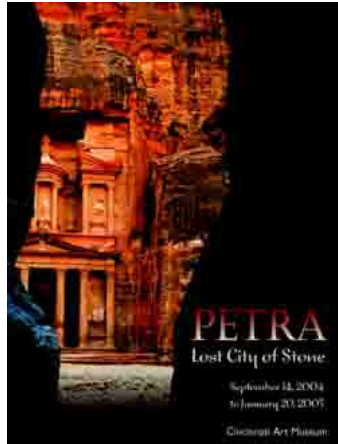
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'Petra: lost City of Stone' Exhibition Moves to Cincinnati Art Museum (September 14 – January 30, 2004)



(CINCINNATI) July 15, 2004 – *Petra: Lost City of Stone*, the most comprehensive exhibition ever presented on the ancient Neareastern city of Petra, and its creators, the Nabataeans, opens at the Cincinnati Art Museum on Sept. 14, 2004 and will run an extraordinary exhibition features outstanding view in the United States for the first time.

Petra is the first major cultural collaboration between Jordan and the United States. Organized by the Cincinnati Art Museum and the American Museum of Natural History, and presented under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania Al-Abdullah of Jordan, this groundbreaking exhibition offers American audiences the opportunity to learn about the ancient metropolis of Petra, which was carved from the red sandstone cliffs of southern Jordan. In Biblical times, Petra was a major crossroads of international trade routes. Throughout much of its history, Petra was governed by the Nabataeans, renowned for their great skills in trade, agriculture, engineering and architectural stone carving.

The Cincinnati Art Museum, which has the largest holdings of Nabataean artwork outside of Jordan, conceived *Petra* nearly ten years ago. The Museum's Nabataean collection came from excavations completed in 1937, the finds of which were ultimately divided between the Museum and the Jordan Archaeological Museum in Amman. *Petra* reunites highlights of the two collections, which contain some of the most important works of Nabataean art extant. The Jordanian Ministry of Tourism and its Department of Antiquities have enabled the development of this project, along with the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman.

The Museum co-organized the exhibition with the American Museum of Natural History, which has a long tradition of presenting comprehensive and compelling exhibitions that illuminate complex cultural and scientific issues. More than 200,000 visitors have seen *Petra* so far at the American Museum of Natural History.

After the exhibition travels to the Cincinnati Art Museum, it will continue on a

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North American tour for the next two years.

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