

ORI•GEN EXPERIENCE FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW: The Origen Experience is comprised of three galleries featuring over 75 exhibits, an indoor theater, and traveling exhibit space. As the interpretive focal point for history at the Preserve, the Origen Experience conveys the natural and cultural history of the site and its common designation as the “birthplace of Las Vegas.” The building is registered for a Platinum LEED certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

LOCATION: Springs Preserve
333 S. Valley View Blvd.
Las Vegas, Nevada

OPENED: June 8, 2007

ARCHITECT: Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects (Las Vegas, NV)

EXHIBIT DESIGN: West Office Exhibition Design (Oakland, CA)

KEY AREAS:

- **Big Springs Theater** – With seating for 156 people, the state-of-the-art theater features a film, “Miracle in the Mojave” produced exclusively for the Preserve and narrated by TV and film star Martin Sheen.

- **Natural Mojave Gallery** – Interactive and stationary exhibits explore the geological and biological history of the Mojave Desert and the springs as well as the formation of the Las Vegas township. The gallery also features the **Living Collections**, a live wildlife exhibit that teaches how animals and other wildlife native to the Mojave adapt to the arid desert climate. Wildlife on display includes a gray fox, bats, sidewinders, Gila monsters, desert cottontails, lizards and more.

- **People of the Big Springs** – A gallery that focuses on the cultural history of the Springs Preserve and water’s pivotal role in the development of Las Vegas. Visitors explore recreated native dwellings, a historic railroad car, the re-enactment of the famous 1905 Las Vegas land auction, a Hoover Dam exhibit and an interactive flash flood exhibit, among others.

- **New Frontier Gallery** – Designed with children and youth in mind, this gallery is filled with arcade-style games and activities that celebrate the cultural highlights of Las Vegas and allow visitors to engage in the principles of sustainability in a fun, hands-on way.

- **Special Exhibits** – Revolving exhibit space will feature local, upcoming and seasoned artists as well as renowned traveling exhibits.

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