



FUTURE SENSATIONS FACTS

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

For Saint-Gobain, 2015 is an anniversary year of epic proportions highlighting innovations, wonders and advancements that have changed the face of the world. Founded in 1665, the 350-year-old company, long-known as a world leader in high performance materials and solutions for sustainable building, is marking its unique milestone with a special anniversary program entitled “350 Reasons to Believe in the Future,” featuring the never-before-seen traveling exhibit, “Future Sensations.”

This high-concept, immersive experience features five distinct ephemeral pavilions which take visitors on a grand journey of science, storytelling and art that celebrates the past three and a half centuries and sets the stage for future innovations.

The traveling experience makes just four stops across the globe in 2015:

- Shanghai, China in January
- São Paulo, Brazil in April
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in June
- Paris, France in October

ABOUT THE PAVILIONS IN THE EXHIBITION

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Each of the five pavilions weighs between 20 and 50 metric tons. They range in height from 13 to 32 feet. A total of 26 products from the Saint-Gobain family of companies are used in their construction.

Pavilion 1 – A Reflection of Progress: The LOOK pavilion is comprised of numerous mirrors inlaid with LEDs and is a tribute to Saint-Gobain's tradition of glassmaking. By day, its exterior reflects the dynamic world around it; by night, it becomes a perpetually shifting cube of light.

Pavilion 2 – A New Sensation: The LISTEN pavilion is a nod to the Company's acoustic performance materials. This “padded” cube is perfectly sound insulated and uses sound-unique “spatialization” technology to take visitors on an interactive aural journey.

Pavilion 3 – The Stuff of Dreams: The COLOR pavilion is a freestanding carousel made of two glazed mobile concentric rings with custom-contoured multicolored textures. A

kaleidoscope on an epic scale, this slowly revolving installation transports visitors into a dreamlike multicolored world.

Pavilion 4 – The Art of the Matter: The CREATE pavilion is a true architectural feat – a seemingly perpetual spiral staircase that evokes the upward movement of mankind across the centuries.

Pavilion 5 – History and Future: The DISCOVER pavilion, exclusively designed for the Philadelphia exhibition, is an impressive 70-foot dome offering an immersive 360 degree visual experience. Here, visitors will learn more about how Saint-Gobain innovations and employees have impacted the lives of everyday Americans. Whether it is Delaware Valley-headquartered construction materials powerhouse CertainTeed, world-leader in abrasives [Norton Company](#) or the dynamic glass technology [SAGE™](#), the full breadth of the North American portfolio will be on display in ways that will challenge and delight viewers, regardless of age or background.

SAINT-GOBAIN – A PREMIER SPONSOR OF 2015 SUMMER SEASON AT THE OVAL [Philadelphia Parks & Recreation](#) and the [Fairmount Park Conservancy](#) organize the programming held at The Oval. Saint-Gobain’s Future Sensations is just the first foray into a season-long celebration of outdoor fun at The Oval. Saint-Gobain is one of the Premier Sponsors of The Oval’s 2015 summer season. The Future Sensations exhibition is another opportunity to advance Philadelphia’s “More Park, Less Way” action plan, which calls for an increase in urban vibrancy on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

EXHIBITION DATES AND HOURS

The Future Sensations exhibition is open to the public Saturday, May 30 through Saturday, June 6.

The exhibition hours are:

- Saturday, May 30: 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Sunday, May 31: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Monday, June 1: 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 2: 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 3: 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Thursday, June 4: 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Friday, June 5: 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Saturday, June 6: 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.

LOCATION

The exhibition will be held at Philadelphia’s own “Avenue des Champs-Élysées,” known as The Oval which is located at Philadelphia’s cultural center on the northwest corner of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The address is:

2601 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19130

GETTING TO THE EXHIBITION

The best way to get to The Oval is on foot, by bicycle or by public transportation (SEPTA bus routes 2, 7, 32, 33 and 48.) Or by taking the Phlash and getting to Stop 13. There is no parking at The Oval. The nearest parking is paid street parking along the Parkway.

TICKET COSTS

Admission to Future Sensations is FREE and open to the public. Food and beverages are available for purchase from on-site food trucks and at the beer garden.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

There will be a variety of food and beverage options available for purchase at the participating food trucks and in the beer garden. You must be 21 or over and show a valid ID in order to be served in the beer garden. Anyone under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian inside the beer garden. If you need to fill up your water bottle, the water fountain closest to The Oval is at the base of Von Colln field which is to the southeast of The Oval at the intersection of Art Museum Drive and the Ben Franklin Parkway.

Beer Garden Hours of Operation:

- Saturday, May 30: 12 p.m. - 10p.m.
- Sunday, May 31: 12 p.m. - 7p.m.
- Monday, June 1: CLOSED
- Tuesday, June 2- Friday, June 5: 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Saturday, June 6: 12 p.m. - 10p.m.

SAFETY INFORMATION

It is of the utmost importance that all our visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience. Please note that there will be on-site security throughout the event duration. Firearms and other weapons are not permitted on-site during the event.

This exhibit features strobe/flashing lights. Certain flashing lights, including strobe lights, can trigger seizures in photosensitive individuals. The Epilepsy Foundation recommends the following precautions:

- Do not expose yourself to flashes greater than three per second.
- Be aware of the intensity of the light source. It should not be greater than 20 candelas per square meter.
- Make sure the light stimulus occupies no more than 25 percent of your viewing area; the closer you are to the light, the greater the risk. For some affected individuals, covering one eye (monocular vision) may prevent a seizure.
- Be aware of the pattern of the images. Static or moving patterns of discernable light and dark stripes can have the same effect as flashing lights.

NOTE: There are reported cases of individuals with no previous evidence of epilepsy who have had seizures provoked by light stimulation. Please use caution—seizure prevention may be achieved by simply avoiding exposure to strong light stimuli.