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## **Exploration Place Premieres ‘Kansas: An Immersive Dome Experience’ *Homegrown project showcases the beauty and wonder of the Sunflower State***

WICHITA, Kansas — Exploration Place is opening an immersive movie experience that has been custom-made for the giant 60-foot screen of its Dome Theater. Produced by a Wichita-based team over the last 18 months, *Kansas: An Immersive Dome Experience* takes viewers on an exciting journey to more than 40 locations across the state.

The movie was filmed entirely by drone, allowing a unique perspective of the beautiful scenery and landmarks of the Sunflower State. In addition to majestic landscapes, wildlife, industry and agriculture, the presentation includes remarkable, never-before-seen drone footage of the Andover tornado of April 2022.

**Members of the media are invited to an exclusive preview, with interview and photo opportunities, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 in The Dome at Exploration Place.**

“From the outset, our goal was to create a love letter to Kansas,” said Adam Smith, Exploration Place’s president and CEO, “something that makes local residents feel proud, while giving tourists a whole new perspective of the state. We feel that we have achieved the goal, in a unique experience that can only be fully appreciated in the immersive environment of our Dome Theater.”

Cinematography was provided by three drone operators based in Wichita: Jeremy Miller (Drone-tography); Kevin Stebral (Pro-UAVision); and Matthew Kesterson (Three1Six Photography). An original score was composed and recorded by Wichita’s Trevor Stewart, internationally recognized as a virtuoso Chapman Stick musician. The film was edited by Nate Jones, Exploration Place’s multimedia specialist, using a virtual reality headset that accurately simulated the immersive qualities of the dome theater.

*Kansas: An Immersive Dome Experience* is 25 minutes long and will be shown daily in The Dome beginning Sept. 16. The movie is presented by Cargill, with additional support from the K. T. Wiedemann Foundation, Trust Company of Kansas and more than 100 other donors who supported a campaign on the Kickstarter crowdfunding platform.

Check [www.exploration.org/dome](http://www.exploration.org/dome) for showtimes, and view the trailer [here](#).

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Filming began in April 2021 and covered more than 40 locations across the state, including:

**Statewide**

Syracuse Sand Dunes Park, Syracuse  
Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park, Oakley  
Monument Rocks and Castle Rock, Gove County  
Rock City Park, Minneapolis  
Coronado Heights, Smoky View  
Big Brutus, West Mineral  
Cosmosphere, Hutchinson  
Cathedral of the Plains, Victoria  
Chase County Courthouse, Cottonwood Falls  
Kansas State Capitol, Topeka  
Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, McPherson County  
The Flint Hills  
Prairie fires  
Orso Falls, Chautauqua County  
Cowley State Fishing Lake, Arkansas City  
Kansas River, Manhattan  
Dodson International Parts, Rantoul  
Mural at the Mill, Salina  
Textron Aviation  
Sunflowers, buffalo, wild horses, windmills

**In Wichita**

Beachner Grain Elevator  
Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center  
Friends University  
Orpheum Theatre  
Crown Uptown  
Epic Center  
Keeper of the Plains (day and night)  
Riverfest fireworks  
Douglas Avenue  
Riverfront Stadium  
Delano  
Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum  
Old Town  
Union Station

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**Exploration Place**

The mission of Exploration Place, Kansas' premier science center, is to inspire a deeper interest in science and technology through creative and fun experiences for all. Exploration Place is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and through 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings. For more information, visit [exploration.org](http://exploration.org).