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3D Systems' Digital Craftsmanship on Display at Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

- Highlights 3D printing's integral role in the design to manufacturing digital thread
- Marks museum's re-opening and new, interactive visitor experience
- Company to lead workshops at Kids and Family Day this weekend

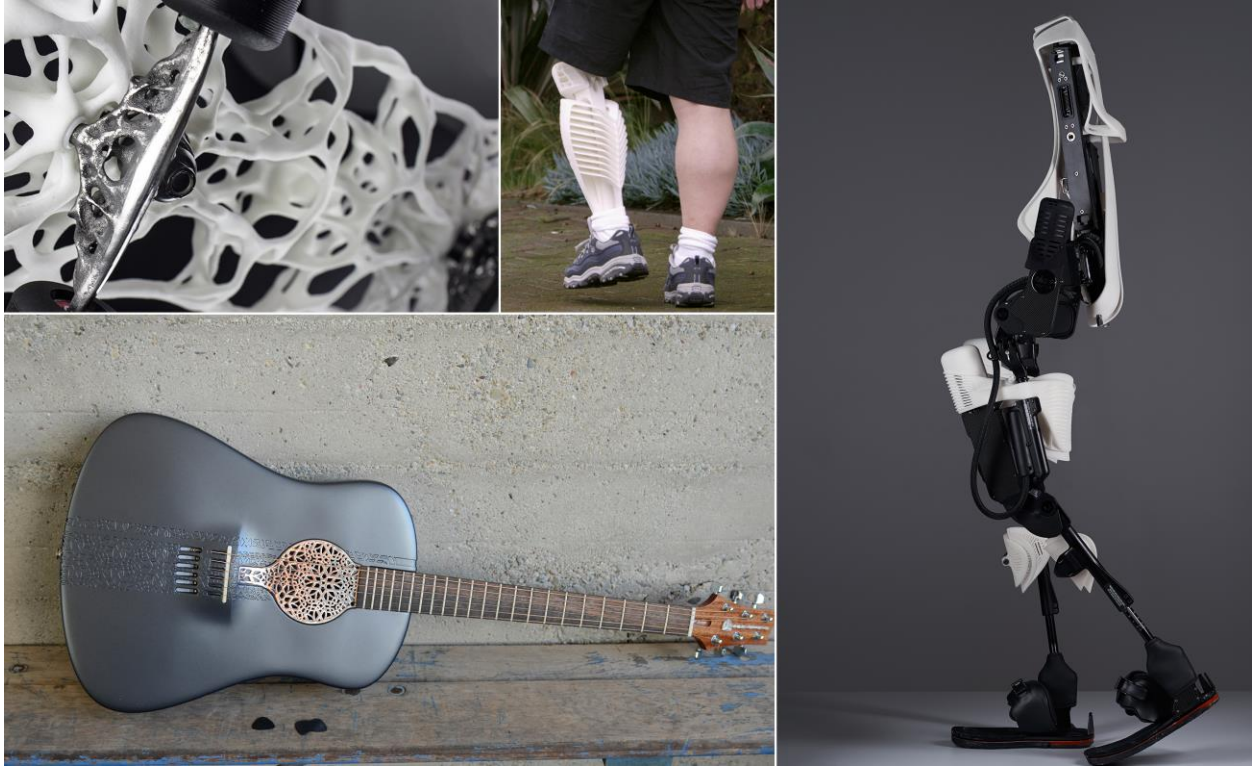
ROCK HILL, South Carolina, December 12, 2014 – [3D Systems](#) (NYSE:DDD)

announced today that it is featured in inaugural exhibitions at the newly reopened Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, beginning December 12. Innovative examples of 3D printing empowering novel design are featured in Cooper Hewitt's new Process Lab and Beautiful Users exhibitions in the recently renovated Carnegie Mansion. The installations showcase 3D printing as a fundamental and transformative element in the ideation, design and fabrication process.

The groundbreaking exhibitions include 3DS' products and technologies which augment our body, extend our capabilities and expand our senses. Beautiful Users, an exhibition that explores the ways in which designers over the past half-century have worked to suit their creations to human anatomy and behavior, features a [hybrid robotic exoskeleton](#) 3DS developed in collaboration with Ekso Bionics which enabled a paralyzed woman to walk.

In the new hands-on Process Lab visitors can see a production-grade stereolithography 3D printer, the ProJet® 6000, as well as 3D-printed products and prototypes that show a cross section of how 3D printing is changing the way designers prototype and produce their work. Pieces from 3DS on view include a [custom-made prosthetic limb](#), a stunning 3D printed acoustic guitar, and [a complex skateboard design](#) that demonstrates

topology optimization. Visitors can also view a see-through Touch™ 3D haptic stylus, which allows designers to physically feel their designs on-screen as if working with digital clay.



Cooper Hewitt's new exhibits include 3D printed pieces from 3DS on display, including (clockwise from top left) a skateboard design showing topology optimization, a custom-designed prosthetic limb, the first hybrid robotic exoskeleton and a stunning acoustic guitar.

"As both a member of the company that invented 3D printing and a trustee of the Museum, it is truly an honor and a privilege to be part of these groundbreaking exhibitions at Cooper Hewitt, our national design museum," said Avi Reichental, President and CEO, 3DS. "We believe in Cooper Hewitt's mission to preserve the history of design and to communicate its evolution and are humbled to be part of showcasing how 3D printing is shifting the entire design-to-manufacturing paradigm."

To kick off support of the Cooper Hewitt's education programs, 3DS will lead two workshops on 3D printing and design thinking with its Cube® 3D printers and Sense™ handheld 3D scanners during the opening Kids and Family Day weekend. Kids will be

able to build their own 3D printable [cityscapes](#) and prototype their own astronaut tool for space using a combination of 3DS' apps on its Cubify platform and the design thinking-based curriculum [City X](#).

The ribbon cutting ceremony at Cooper Hewitt's opening this Friday, December 12, will feature a pair of scissors 3D printed by 3DS, reinforcing the critical and evolving role that 3D printing has in the design to manufacturing process. For more information on the inaugural exhibitions, visit <http://www.cooperhewitt.org>.

To learn more about 3DS' commitment to designing and manufacturing the future visit www.3dsystems.com.

About 3D Systems

3D Systems is pioneering 3D printing for everyone. 3DS provides the most advanced and comprehensive 3D design-to-manufacturing solutions including 3D printers, print materials and cloud sourced custom parts. Its powerful digital thread empowers professionals and consumers everywhere to bring their ideas to life in material choices including plastics, metals, ceramics and edibles. 3DS' leading healthcare solutions include end-to-end simulation, training and integrated 3D planning and printing for personalized surgery and patient specific medical and dental devices. Its democratized 3D design and inspection products embody the latest perceptual, capture and touch technology. Its products and services replace and complement traditional methods with improved results and reduced time to outcomes. These solutions are used to rapidly design, create, communicate, plan, guide, prototype or produce functional parts, devices and assemblies, empowering customers to manufacture the future.

Leadership Through Innovation and Technology

- 3DS invented 3D printing with its Stereolithography (SLA) printer and was the first to commercialize it in 1989.
- 3DS invented Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) printing and was the first to commercialize it in 1992.

- 3DS invented the ColorJet Printing (CJP) class of 3D printers and was the first to commercialize 3D powder-based systems in 1994.
- 3DS invented MultiJet Printing (MJP) printers and was the first to commercialize it in 1996.
- 3DS Medical Modeling pioneered virtual surgical planning (VSP) and its services are world-leading, helping many thousands of patients on an annual basis.

Today its comprehensive range of 3D printers is the industry's benchmark for production-grade manufacturing in aerospace, automotive, patient specific medical device and a variety of consumer, electronic and fashion accessories.

More information on the company is available at www.3dsystems.com.

About Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

Founded in 1897, Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum is the only museum in the nation devoted exclusively to historic and contemporary design. The museum educates, inspires and empowers people through design, presenting compelling educational programs, exhibitions and publications. International in scope and possessing one of the most diverse and comprehensive collections of design works in existence, the museum's rich holdings range from Egypt's Late Period/New Kingdom (1100 B.C.) to the present day and total more than 210,000 objects.

For further information, call (212) 849-8400, visit Cooper Hewitt's website at www.cooperhewitt.org and follow the museum on www.twitter.com/cooperhewitt, www.facebook.com/cooperhewitt and www.instagram.com/cooperhewitt.