

FORT WORTH, TX, August 26, 2014 /**24-7PressRelease**/ -- A life-size automaton that dramatizes the death of Cleopatra, Egypt's most glamorous queen, will be the star of DFW Elite Toy Museum's "[Oddities, Antiquities and Rarities Exhibition](#)"

. Those wishing to get the first look at the queen of the Nile are invited to the pre-opening gala on Thursday, October 9.

The free event will be 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the museum at 5940 Eden in Haltom City, Texas. RSVP to Jennifer Knittel at jenniferk@RdsInvestments.com. Dress is casual, and drinks and appetizers will be served.

"The Death of Cleopatra' is the most dramatic of the automatons in the exhibit," said DFW entrepreneur and museum owner [Ron Sturgeon](#). "The automaton beautifully depicts a still breathing Cleopatra, as a pair of asp's writhe at her ankle," said Curator Rodney Ross. The exhibit will also include other automatons, as well as many one-of-a-kind [collectible models](#) from the renowned [toy collector Count Giansanti-Coluzzi](#) and a fan-favorite prop from The Addams Family television program.

"These one-off models purchased from the Count provide a glimpse into recent automotive history," said Rodney Ross, curator of the DFW Elite Toy Museum. In particular, the museum will highlight four [Rolls Royce models](#) made by J. P. Hartmann of Paris that came from Count Coluzzi's private toy collection.

"Count Giansanti-Coluzzi was a discerning collector with impeccable taste," Sturgeon said. "The Rolls Royce models attracted a lot of interest from bidders and are special to me because they were prized by a toy collector I both knew and admired," said Sturgeon.

The Oddities, Antiquities and Rarities exhibit will run through Feb. 28, 2015.

A dog-friendly museum with free admission, the DFW Elite Toy Museum has a collection of more than 3000 rare and collectible toys. For more information about the [special and rare toys](#) in the current exhibition, please visit <http://www.dfwelitetoymuseum.com>