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Philadelphia's Toy Story Exhibition Recalls Childhoods of Long Ago

Ronald Toby's classic collection features toys from the '50s, '60s and '70s

PHILADELPHIA – Many travelers passing through Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) will be whisked back to their childhoods by a charming exhibition of nostalgic toys from the 1950s, '60s and '70s. *Philadelphia's Toy Story* features a collection of classic toy cars, Star Wars collectables, miniature toy soldiers, Barbie dolls, Jack-in-the-Boxes, plastic farm animals, pull toys and more.

The vintage toys in the exhibition, on display in Terminal D near Gate D-15 and accessible to ticketed passengers until April 2016, are from the collection of Philadelphian Ronald Toby. Toby began his passion for collecting at the age of 13 and his collection of toys, sports memorabilia and other collectables now numbers 80,000 pieces.

"This exhibit will bring back fond memories of toys that some enjoyed as children and gives younger travelers a glimpse at the toys that entertained older generations," said Airport CEO Mark Gale. "It's fun to look at these quintessential toys and realize they still have a timeless quality to them."

Philadelphia's Toy Story is presented as part of the Airport's acclaimed Exhibitions Program that has been dedicated to providing a unique cultural experience for the traveling public through its rotating art exhibits.

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The vintage toys displayed in Ronald Toby's *Philadelphia Toy Story* will fascinate travelers of all ages.

This year, Philadelphia International Airport celebrates the 75th anniversary of its commercial air service. In 1940, the Airport served 40,000 passengers flying to a handful of cities. Today, more than 30 million passengers travel annually to 131 destinations around the world.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.