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## Muppets Take New York

*Many famous puppets will soon call New York home.*

Miss Piggy, Kermit the Frog, Bert, Ernie, and Elmo. Wouldn't it be great if they could all hang out together, forever, and you could visit them? Now it looks like that might soon be possible!

A brilliant puppeteer named Jim Henson created many of these famous characters. He died in 1990, but his family has recently donated 400 puppets, costumes, props, and other items from his collection to a museum in Queens, New York.

The Museum of the Moving Image will create a big, new **gallery** for the Henson items. About 200 of his most beloved puppets will be there. So will **artifacts** from Henson's projects, including *The Muppet Show*, *Sesame Street*, and *Fraggle Rock*.

New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg announced the news yesterday with help from Miss Piggy and Oscar the Grouch. Bloomberg said the city would provide \$2.75 million for the project.

The museum plans to open the new gallery in the winter of 2014–15.

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The Muppets

### FACT:

The Museum of the Moving Image is in a group of buildings that includes the studio where *Sesame Street* is filmed!

### ACT:

Make your own hand puppet! Draw your character, and then cut it out of felt. Glue the back and front, leaving room for your hand. Decorate it and put on a show!

### VOCABULARY:

**gallery:** a room or building to display works of art

**artifacts:** items or objects that have historic importance