

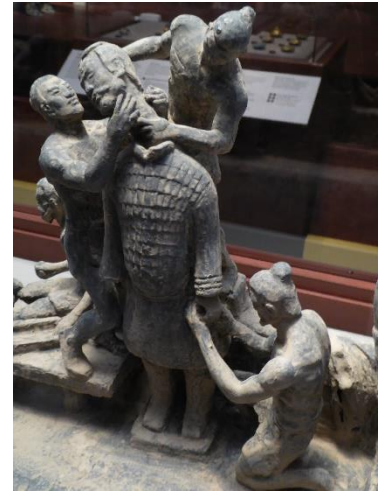
CTPA at THE FIELD

China's First Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

EIGHTEEN (18) CTPA embers gathered to see the newest short term special exhibit at the Field, *China's First Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors*, which is on view **Friday, March 4, 2016 to Sunday, January 8, 2017.**

Tiny diorama scenes demonstrated how the statues were made and assembled.

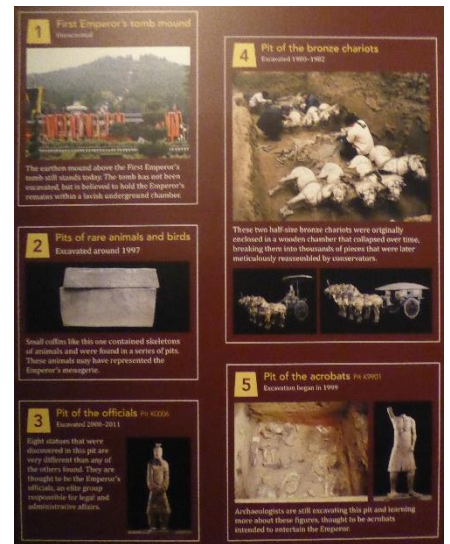


Like size models showed the bright colors of paint that were used to decorate the terra cotta army of soldiers. Few traces of paint remain on the sculptures today.

Large posters with photos showed portions of the massive site and views of some of excavations.

Replicas of some carriages and horses were shown at their actual size.

Hung from the ceiling were enlargements of diverse faces indicating that each sculpture was unique...the thousands of faces were not the same.



Even though there are about 8,000 figures at the burial site in China, only 10 terracotta figures are allowed out of China at one time. We are lucky in



Chicago to see the maximum at a foreign show in one place—nine warriors and a horse! Ten total.



The sheer size and numbers of this massive discovery are astounding! The complex measures about 22 square miles making it, along with the pyramids of Egypt, among the most ornate burial sites in the world. That this site was lost to time for more than 2,000 years and rediscovered only in 1974 is amazing. At the very end, there are photos of a still intact mound which many think may hold even more riches. However, due to high lead readings, excavation of the site has not yet been attempted.



Just for fun, you can take a selfie with some warriors after you exit!

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MORE INFO!

<https://www.fieldmuseum.org/at-the-field/exhibitions/chinas-first-emperor-and-his-terracotta-warriors>

LOCATION: The Field Museum is open 9am – 5pm and at 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive.