



Ripley's Fertility Statues Begin 2012 on Display at Ripley's Orlando Odditorium

Fertility idols get extended stay due to popularity

ORLANDO, Fla. - (Jan. 30, 2012) - The world famous pair of Ripley's Believe It or Not! fertility statues will remain on display for an extended period at Ripley's [Orlando Odditorium](#).

"We get phone calls and email inquiries almost daily from people asking about the fertility statues," said Joe Kasinski, Director of Sales and Marketing for Ripley's Orlando. "People plan vacations and special trips just to see and touch the statues. A few months ago I happened to be in the lobby when a couple came in who had travelled all the way from Hawaii in hopes of starting a family!"

The five-foot tall wooden statues were acquired from the Ivory Coast of West Africa in 1993 and placed in the lobby of Ripley Entertainment's corporate headquarters in Orlando. Within months, 13 women, including staffers and office visitors, were pregnant. The statues have been on public display all over the U.S. as well as Europe.

The number of people who say the statues helped them get pregnant has grown to nearly 3,000.

Jenna G. from Pennsylvania says the statues worked for her. She and her husband spent several months trying to get pregnant, followed by several months of unsuccessful fertility treatments.

Before investing more hope and money into additional fertility treatments, Jenna decided to make the 3 ½ hour drive to Ripley's Ocean City Odditorium, where the fertility statues were on display at the time.

"I figured we had nothing to lose," said Jenna. "We thought we'd put our hope into this."



Three weeks after touching the statues, Jenna found out she was pregnant.

"I freaked out when it happened!" she said. She now has an 9 month old son.

Rachel Taylor of New Jersey flew halfway across the country to touch the fertility statues after fertility specialists told her there was no way she could conceive on her own. A few weeks later she was pregnant and today is the proud mother of Maxwell.



Some women who can't make it to the statues in person reach out and touch the statues by *fax*. That's right - they fax copies of their handprints. Ripley's employees dutifully rub the faxes on the statues and then send them back to the sender. People are welcome to fax their handprints to the Orlando Odditorium at 407-345-0803.



The fertility statues are located in the lobby and are available to be seen (and touched) for FREE. Visitors who want to tour the Odditorium must purchase a ticket.

Ripley's Orlando Odditorium is located at 8201 International Drive. For more information, please visit <http://www.ripleys.com/orlando/>

People making a special trip to Orlando to touch Ripley's fertility statues should call in advance to confirm the statues will be available during their visit.

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