How can light inspire young minds? That was one of the driving questions behind Science Storms at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago. It is a dramatic and interactive environment where guests of all ages can explore the physics of light and the science behind powerful natural phenomena. It is a 26,000-square-foot permanent exhibition showcasing 50 large-scale exhibits and experiments. These interactive experiments include a 40-foot tall tornado of swirling vapor and light, a 20ft diameter spinning avalanche disk, an automated heliostat, and suspended ripple tanks that are illuminated from the ceiling to project wave patterns onto guests below.

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— Paul Gregory
Principal, Focus Lighting, Inc.