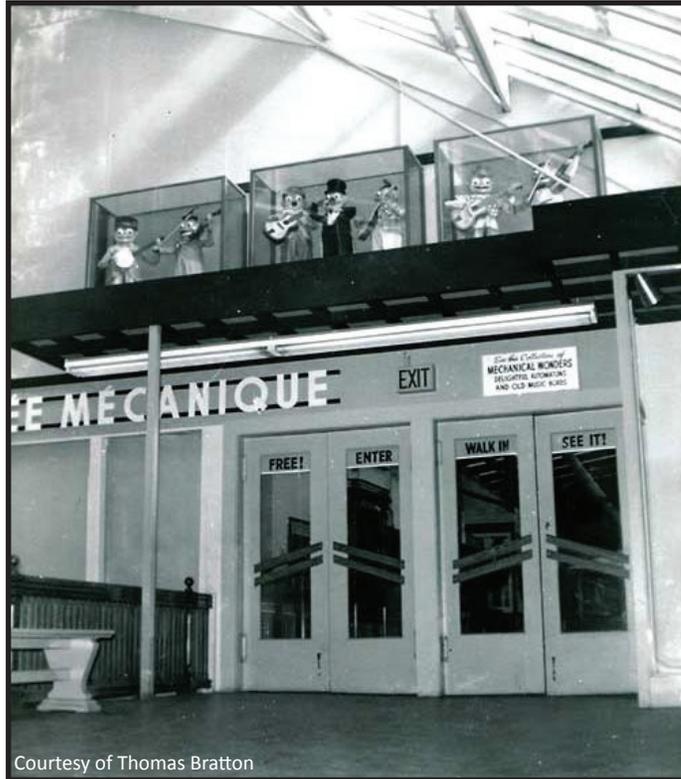


# VESTIGES of Lands End



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*Left:* Entrance to Musée Mécanique at Sutro Baths, 1950s; *Center:* Coin operated Mutoscopes in the Musée Mécanique at Sutro Baths, 1950s; *Right:* Laffing Sal at Musée Mécanique on Pier 45, 2012.

## Musée Mécanique

The Musée Mécanique is a museum of antique coin-operated mechanical amusements. Its collection features over 300 items including arcade games, music boxes, player pianos, fortune telling machines, motion pictures, peep shows, animated dioramas, and photo booths, as well as the beloved (yet terrifying) Laffing Sal, who moved to the museum from the Playland Fun House when the amusement park was dismantled in 1972. One of the Musée's antique mutoscopes (an early motion picture machine that works like a flip book) was installed at the Lands End Lookout visitor's center in 2012, showcasing stereocard images of Lands End.

Originally housed in the Sutro Baths, the museum eventually found a home in the basement of the Cliff House. The Musée Mécanique was moved to its current space at the end of Pier 45 in San Francisco by its owner Edward Zelinsky in 2002 when the Cliff House was remodeled.