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DEEP SPACE ADVENTURE COMING SOON

Opens July 8, 2011

Don't miss this summer's hottest ticket. On July 8, the Adler will reveal an immersive space experience like no other in the world! **Deep Space Adventure** takes you aboard the observation deck of a starship where you will be surrounded by the larger-than-life phenomena of our Universe.

The centerpiece of **Deep Space Adventure** is the new Grainger Sky Theater, which offers audiences the most technologically enhanced theater experience ever developed.

The Adler Planetarium gratefully acknowledges The Grainger Foundation for its leadership in transforming the historic Sky Theater.

[Plan your Deep Space Adventure this summer.](#)

FREEDOM 7 50TH ANNIVERSARY

May 5, 2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the Freedom 7 mission when Alan B. Shepard became the first American in space. His flight lasted 15 minutes and 28 seconds, reached a peak altitude of 116 miles and a top speed of 5,180 mph before splashing down safely in the Atlantic Ocean.



May 5 - September 5, 2011

To commemorate this historic flight, Adler visitors can view Alan B. Shepard's Jet Flight Suit, on loan from the personal collection of the Alan B. Shepard Family, and a Gilruth model of the Freedom 7 Mercury Redstone capsule.



[Learn more about the Adler's Freedom 7 display.](#)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ADLER!**

Thursday, May 12

In celebration of the Adler's 81st birthday, enjoy FREE general admission on May 12! View the Gemini 12 spacecraft in ***Shoot for the Moon*** or embark on a modern-day space adventure with the family in ***Planet Explorers***

The Adler Planetarium, founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, was the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere (image above).

[Plan your trip to the Adler.](#)

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

This delicate flower phenomenon, known as the Ring Nebula, is located more than 2,000 light years away from Earth in the Lyra constellation. Photographed by NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, the outer shell of this planetary nebula resembles the petals of a blossom.

**Mother's Day Sunday, May 8**

Celebrate Mom's special day at the Adler Planetarium. Stop by the Adler Store to pick out a one-of-a-kind Mother's Day gift, including a Globe Wine Stopper (\$19.99) or Meteorite Earrings (\$59.99).

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