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LAST CHANCE TO SEE STAR OF WONDER

Show Closes January 3, 2010

Don't miss your last chance to see the Adler's longest running sky show, ***Star of Wonder***, in the original Sky Theater. Relive your memories of this holiday classic one last time before the show is retired.

Star of Wonder examines the theories behind the celestial event that prompted the Magi (Three Kings) to travel to Bethlehem. Was this heavenly

light an exploding star, a brilliant comet or an unusual grouping of the planets? Exploring modern ideas, ***Star of Wonder*** presents a surprising and dramatic conclusion based on both ancient astronomical records and recent computer calculations of planet positions.

[Click here to learn more about *Star of Wonder*.](#)

EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS

December 26-30, 2009; January 1-3, 2010
9:30 am - 6:00 pm

The Adler will be staying open late for you and your family to make the most of your holiday break. Watch the historic Apollo 8 Christmas Eve broadcast from space and view other Apollo 8 artifacts in ***Shoot for the Moon***. Check out the Atwood Sphere, Chicago's oldest planetarium. Celebrate *Sesame Street's* 40th anniversary with a trip to the Moon in the planetarium show ***One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure***. There's plenty to see and do at the Adler this holiday season.



[Click here to plan your visit to the Adler Planetarium.](#)



HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN

December 26-30
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

While you're at the Adler, check out the "Lights in the Sky" hands-on activities. Children ages 3-7, plus their caregivers, will learn about observing the night sky with telescopes, light and stargazing. Activities are free with paid museum admission.

[Click here for more information about free activities at the Adler.](#)

FUN FACT: ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

Did you know that the last Full Moon of 2009 will also be a Blue Moon? On December 31, a Full Moon will rise at 4:31 pm CST and will be visible throughout the night. Blue Moons, which occur when there are two Full Moons within the same month, are rare and happen approximately once every 2.72 years. Thus the expression, "Once in a Blue Moon."



On New Year's Eve, take advantage of the Full Moon by using a telescope to view its many distinctive craters. To learn more about telescopes and the amazing things they can help you discover, visit the Adler's exhibition ***Telescopes: Through the Looking Glass***, extended through 2010.

[Click here for more information about *Telescopes: Through the Looking Glass*.](#)

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