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The Adler Planetarium's new projection system gives a deep-space view of Earth. The revamped Sky Theater will open to the public July 8.

Adler Sky Theater ready for its close-up

The Adler Planetarium's Grainger Sky Theater, closed for a yearlong \$14 million rehab, is nearly ready to reopen with what the Adler says is the most detailed, sophisticated and immersive imagery of any space museum in the world. An array of 20 high-end wall-mounted projectors is digitally combined to cast one seamless image on the

dome's interior. "It has a 'wow' aspect that was sort of lacking in what Adler had before," says Rocky Kolb, chairman of the department of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of Chicago (and an Adler board member). "It looks like you're walking into the future."

