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SCOPE OUT THE ADLER PLANETARIUM & ASTRONOMY MUSEUM AT FAR OUT FRIDAYS

Enjoy music under the starry sky at the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum's special *Far Out Friday* offering, the **Chicago Singers/Songwriters Showcase**. This unique program, sponsored by Food for Thought Management Group, will feature an evening of acoustic folk-rock music with some of the city's most talented up-and-coming artists on April 5, 2002. Set against the backdrop of the spectacular view of the city skyline from Galileo's Café, the performances will begin at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase. In addition, scope out the many family activities from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. including: telescope viewing, unlimited shows in the historic Sky Theater and the world's first StarRider™ Theater, a live lecture by an Adler astronomer, hands-on activities, special demonstrations and gallery and Doane Observatory tours.

Far out Fridays are offered on the first Friday of every month. Admission Charges are \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for children/senior citizens, \$5.00 Adler Members. A Family Star Pack is four for \$45.00 (2 adults/ 2children or 1 adult/ 3children).

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NEW IN 2002
Under One Sky

A stunning new gallery *Bringing the Heavens to Earth* and an exciting new sky show *Skywatchers of Africa* launches *Under One Sky*, a year-long theme that celebrates the influence of astronomy in cultures around the world over thousands of years. Family and educational programs along with special activities for Adler visitors will explore diversity through the exploration of how past and current cultures have looked to the heavens for answers and guidance.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum hours:

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

On the first Friday of each month the Adler offers special programs with extended hours from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Regular Admission:

Ultimate Universe Adventure is \$16.00 for adults, \$15.00 for seniors 65 and older and \$14.00 for children 4 – 17.

This package includes admission and the choice of two sky shows.

Galaxy Passport is \$13.00 for adults, \$12.00 for seniors 65 and older and \$11.00 for children 4 – 17. This package includes admission and choice of sky shows. Each additional sky show is \$5.00.

The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum is the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. Its astronomy programs have reached over 35 million people during the past 72 years. Nine state-of-the-art exhibition galleries located in the stunning new Sky Pavilion and the recently renovated landmark 1930s building present modern space exploration along with the history of astronomy. The world's first StarRider™ Theater, the most technologically advanced, audience-interactive planetarium, fuels the imagination of visitors during virtual flights through the cosmos. With a staff of over 200, the Adler pursues its mission to present the human quest to better understand the universe. Adler scientists and historians, who hold joint appointments at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, are working at the forefront of research in astronomy and its fascinating history. The Adler is leading the way into the new "Space Millennium."

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