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***Tune into the Stars this August:
Experience Music at the Adler Planetarium &
Astronomy Museum***

This August the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum offers two unique opportunities to experience the sound of music under the stars on Chicago's lakefront.

Friday, August 2, 2002

Far Out Friday

Chicago Singers/Songwriters Showcase

Set against the backdrop of the spectacular view of the city skyline from Galileo's Café, the Adler presents a special evening of acoustic folk-rock music with some of the city's most talented up-and-coming artists.

Schedule of performances:

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| 6:30-7:15 | Ben Ruth and Rocco Labriola from
<i>The Convulsions</i> |
| 7:20-8:05 | Matt Grusecki from
<i>Butterside Down</i> |
| 8:10-9:00 | Melissa Rose from <i>The Juleps</i> |

In addition, visitors can 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 Friday** admission is \$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). Food and drink will be available for purchase. Admission to the Showcase program is included in the regular Far Out Friday admission price. Far Out Fridays are generously sponsored by Food for Thought Management Group.

Thursday, August 8, 2002

Luna Cabana

2nd Annual World's Largest Outdoor Salsa Lesson

Join White Sox's legend Minnie Minoso in dancing under the stars at a very special Luna Cabana: the World's Largest Outdoor Salsa lesson! Line up on at 6:30 p.m. on the Adler's Sundial Terrace learn to Salsa with Chicago's own Latin Rhythms Dance Studio. Dance the night away to the sensational sounds of Merengue.com, experience the youthful exuberance of nine-year-old musical prodigy Richie Santiago, have a Congo drumming lesson and see a special dance performance by the Latin Rhythms. Performances begin at 5:30 p.m. and admission is free on this very special evening.

In addition to the Sun and fun of the Salsa beat, visitors are encouraged to explore the Adler from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. Those with an adventurous streak can be rocketed into outer space in the world first StarRider™ Theater or enjoy a view of the night's starry spectacle in the Sky Theater. Tickets for the StarRider Theater or Sky Theater are \$6 per person, per show.

The wildly popular Luna Cabana music and dance program continues every Thursday through August 29, 2002 from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. Cover charge is \$4.00 per person, which includes general admission to the museum.

The Adler's Luna Cabana - Latin Flair and sizzle on Chicago's lakefront!
For information call 312-322-0516. Luna Cabana is presented by Target and Marshall Field's Imagine Project.

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NEW IN 2002
Under One Sky

A stunning gallery *Bringing the Heavens to Earth* and an exciting sky show *Skywatchers of Africa* form the foundation for *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

Hours

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Summer Hours

June 1 – September 2, 2002

Saturday – Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 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.

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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