

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

September 5, 2002

**CONTACT:** Dawn M. Kappel  
Director of External Communications  
312-322-0524

**DISTINGUISHED SCIENCE WRITER AND  
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR  
DR. TIMOTHY FERRIS  
TO SPEAK AT ADLER  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2002**

Best-selling author Timothy Ferris will give a special lecture at the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum on Friday, September 27 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. A book signing will follow the lecture.

Ferris's just published work, *Seeing in the Dark*, highlights the dedicated amateur astronomers who have throughout history made many of the startling discoveries about comets, the Moon, the planets and stars that have ultimately changed our understanding of the Universe. An amateur astronomer himself who has had a life-long fascination with the heavens, Ferris is one of the nation's most popular authors of general interest books on astronomy. A former newspaper reporter and editor of Rolling Stone Magazine, Ferris has authored ten books, including *The Whole Shebang*, as well as over 50 articles and essays, and has written and narrated two television specials. He also produced the Voyager phonograph record, an archive of music, voices, and natural sounds of Planet Earth carried aboard the twin Voyager interstellar spacecraft, which were launched from Kennedy Space Center in 1977.

Ferris has received the American Institute of Physics Prize, The American

- more -

Ferris/Add 1

Association for the Advancement of Science Prize and a Guggenheim Fellowship. His books have been nominated for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. He is currently emeritus professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

Seating for this very special presentation is limited. Tickets are \$12.00/lecture (\$8.00 each for Adler Members; \$5.00 each for students and teachers with I.D.) For reservations or more information call Annette McDowell at 312/322-0323 or e-mail [extastro@adlernet.org](mailto:extastro@adlernet.org)

For the convenience of visitors, Galileo's Cafe will be open for dinner from 5:30-6:45 p.m. The Adler's Infinity Shop will remain open until 8:45 p.m.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Hours**

September 3-December 24

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat-Sun 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Special Holiday Hours:

Friday, November 29,

Thursday, December 26-

Sunday, January 5, 2003 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### Normal schedule resumes:

Monday, January 6, 2003

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat-Sun 9:00 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 one sky show.

- more-

Ferris/Add 2

*The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum is the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. Its astronomy programs have reached over 40 million people during the past 72 years. Ten state-of-the-art exhibition galleries located in the glass-enclosed Sky Pavilion and the 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 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."*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (312) 922-STAR**

**TTY: (312) 322-0995**

**[www.adlerplanetarium.org](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org).**

###