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ADLER'S LONGEST-RUNNING HOLIDAY SKY SHOW STAR OF WONDER NOW PRESENTED IN SPANISH

Star of Wonder (Estrella de Maravilla) Opens for the Holidays November 21

CHICAGO (November 17, 2005) – As part of its 75th Anniversary celebration, the Adler is proud to present *Estrella de Maravilla* the Spanish-language version of *Star of Wonder*. The sky show, which takes a journey back in time to rediscover the story behind the "Star of Bethlehem," is one of the first planetarium sky shows in the United States created for a Spanish-speaking audience.

The Adler's longest-running sky show and one of Chicago's favorite holiday offerings has become a tradition for many families who return each year to hear the remarkable story of the Magi – the Three Wise Men. Using the technology of the Zeiss projector, visitors are able to view a recreation of the skies that shone over Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. Audiences experience the stars and the moving planets just as they appeared in the sky during the likely time of the Magi's travels.

"*Star of Wonder* is the museum's most popular sky show and we look forward every year to sharing this remarkable story with our visitors," said Adler President Paul H. Knappenberger Jr., PhD. "We're especially proud this year to offer a Spanish-language presentation."

Star of Wonder (Estrella de Maravilla) examines various theories about the celestial event that prompted the Three Kings to travel to Bethlehem. Was this heavenly light an exploding star, a brilliant comet, or an unusual grouping of planets? Carefully exploring modern ideas, *Star of Wonder (Estrella de Maravilla)* presents dramatic conclusions based on ancient astronomical records and modern computer simulations. *Estrella de Maravilla* is sponsored by LaSalle Bank.

Star of Wonder Show Times

November 21 – January 1, 2006

Monday – Friday at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 2:30 pm*

Saturday – Sunday at 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm

Estrella de Maravilla Show Times

November 21 – January 6, 2006

Monday – Friday at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm*

Saturday – Sunday at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

*10:30 am weekday show may be in English or Spanish. Please check with the box office at 312-922-STAR to confirm.

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The Adler – America’s First Planetarium – was founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler. The Adler is home to two full-size planetarium theaters, including the world’s first StarRider Theater, and one of the world’s most important antique instrument collections. The Adler is a recognized leader in science education, with a focus on inspiring young people, particularly women and minorities, to pursue careers in science.

The Adler Planetarium is marking its 75th Anniversary by launching a year of celebration and a new vision for its future. A new mission will expand the museum’s current focus on astronomy to celebrate human space exploration and America’s space heroes. Through this new vision, the Adler will help inspire the next generation of explorers.

The Adler Planetarium is located at 1300 South Lake Shore Drive in Chicago and is open every day except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For more information visit our website at www.adlerplanetarium.org.

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