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ADLER PLANETARIUM WOMEN'S BOARD PRESENTS "MOONGLOW" 2006 CELESTIAL BALL HELD ON OCTOBER 14

CHICAGO (September 5) – The Women's Board of the Adler Planetarium will hold its **2006 Celestial Ball "Moonglow"** at the Adler Planetarium on Oct. 14, 2006. **Captain James A. Lovell, Jr.**, will serve as honorary chair of the 2006 Celestial Ball. Phil Rogers of NBC-5 Chicago will serve as Emcee of the black-tie gala.

The evening's live auction, led by auctioneer Joel Kaplan, will feature an extremely **rare Apollo 8 beta-cloth patch**, flown onboard the Apollo 8 spacecraft. The patch, donated to the auction by Captain Lovell, is autographed by astronauts Bill Anders, Frank Borman and Jim Lovell. The auction will also feature unique packages for space enthusiasts including an Adler slumber party, an **Omega Speedmaster watch**, a private fireworks display viewed from the Adler Planetarium, and an after hours-experience designing a lunar habitat. Travel packages include a **one-week stay at a private residence on Maui** and a **one-week stay in a French farmhouse**. The Brother John Band will be on hand for live music. Heffernan Morgan will furnish the dramatic décor of the Ball.

Guests will be invited to explore **A Journey with Jim Lovell** – the first gallery of **Shoot for the Moon** – a new permanent exhibition at the Adler highlighting the exciting stories of space exploration and America's bold plans to return to the Moon. **A Journey with Jim Lovell** tells the story of Lovell's life and career using artifacts from his personal collection. The exhibition features the Gemini 12 spacecraft, recently restored with support by the Women's Board. The **Shoot for the Moon** exhibition opens November 11, 2006 – the 40th anniversary of the Gemini 12 mission (Veterans' Day).

The Women's Board is the Adler's lead partner in education. In 2005, the Celestial Ball raised more than \$450,000, enabling the Adler to develop new partnerships with the Chicago Public Schools. In January, the Women's Board pledged to contribute \$1.5 million in support of science education. Through its support of the museum's education programs, the Women's Board inspires scientific curiosity and literacy in young people, specifically young women.

Celestial Ball Lead Sponsors: Food for Thought, Dr. George T. Caleel and Rebecca Childers Caleel, The Boeing Company, and ComEd, an Exelon Company.

The Adler gala is chaired by Sherry Schmitter Block and co-chaired by Rebecca Childers Caleel.

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The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum – America's First Planetarium – was founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler. The museum is home to two full-size planetarium theaters, including the world's first all-digital 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.

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