

The Adler Planetarium Announces *Adler After Dark* 2016 Themes & Dates

CHICAGO – December 1, 2015 – The Adler Planetarium is happy to announce *Adler After Dark* themes and dates for 2016. *Adler After Dark* is a monthly event exclusively for adults 21+. Every third Thursday of the month, guests enjoy all-access to museum exhibits and galleries, unlimited sky shows in our 3 state-of-the-art theaters, special guests and lectures, one-of-a-kind programming, unique entertainment, and the best view of the Chicago skyline from anywhere in the city every third Thursday of the month. With themes that change each month, *Adler After Dark* is never the same event twice. For more information and to purchase tickets:

<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/adler-after-dark/>

January 16: First Contact

They could be among us right now. Explore the science of ET, the search for exoplanets, and what humanity could/would do if we ever encounter an alien civilization.

February 18: Stellar Speakeasy

Celebrate the decade of decadence at this throwback *Adler After Dark*, featuring jazz and swing music, a look at scientific discoveries of the 20s and 30s, and a bootlegged cocktail (or 2).

March 17: Geek Chic: Episode IV

Geek Chic returns with a vengeance! Celebrate the best of Star Wars, Star Trek, Firefly and beyond at this fan-favorite on the eve of the annual Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo (C2E2)—no Nerf Herders allowed.

April 21: Across the Universe

Discover the mind-boggling hugeness of the cosmos and our place in it (and celebrate The Beatles and the late 1960s) at this intergalactic *Adler After Dark*.

May 19: Planetary Prom

Because who doesn't want to go prom again? Dust off those dancing shoes, don your best prom attire, and join us for the best party this side of the Milky Way.

June 16: Eureka!

The future is now! Learn more about revolutionary technology (from multiple fields) and seemingly crazy yet ground-breaking inventions that are changing our lives in the 21st century.

July 21: Jumpin' Jupiter

In early July, the Juno spacecraft will arrive at our Solar System's big brother—Jupiter. Celebrate its arrival and see the latest science results from this important mission.



August 18: Camp Adler

You're never too old to go camping. Explore the great outdoors, get tips on night sky observing and celestial navigation, and enjoy a summer night out at *Adler After Dark*.

September 15: Boldly Go!

Fifty years ago, Captain James T. Kirk and his intrepid crew began their 5 year mission that changed popular culture forever. Join us as we uncover the many ways *Star Trek* has inspired science and science fiction.

October 20: Nightmare

What's more terrifying than the darkness and infinite expanse of space? Explore the terrors of the cosmos and celebrate Halloween in unique style at *Adler After Dark*.

November 17: Weird Science

We live in a weird and wonderful universe. Check out some amazing experiments and demos in our Weird Science Fair—everything from robotics to food tech and beyond—at *Adler After Dark*.

December 15: Lights Out

Space is mostly dark, but we often look at the light side. Come celebrate the season of light in style and explore supernovas, black holes, and other dark/light objects that spark our imagination.

About the Adler:

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, nearly 500,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.

