

Adler Planetarium Sky Shows Deliver the Universe in Stunning Clarity with Revolutionary New Projectors

CHICAGO – February 24, 2017 – The Adler Planetarium is pleased to announce its one-of-a-kind sky show experience just got even more spectacular with the installation of new 8K resolution projector systems in its Grainger Sky Theater and Definiti Space Theaters. Just in time for Spring Break, guests will view sky shows including our latest show, *Planet Nine*, like never before. These upgrades were made possible by an incredibly generous gift from The Grainger Foundation of Lake Forest, Illinois.

“The new projectors provide a brighter, crisper, and more colorful image on screen. In addition, the software behind the image is more powerful.” said Mark Webb, Director of Theaters at the Adler. “These big improvements not only enhance our public shows, but actually allows us to use the theater in new ways. The increased brightness and quality of the screen image, combined with faster production capability, makes it possible to pair projection with other lighting sources for private events, musical performances, and unique presentations that were difficult or impossible to achieve before.”



The 8K resolution Digistar 6 systems were designed and installed by Evans and Sutherland. The Definiti Space Theater, will also undergo a complete renovation this fall with new carpeting, new seats, and a new seamless dome surface.

“The Grainger Foundation has been an invaluable partner in the Adler’s efforts to provide a breathtaking guest viewing experience with our sky shows,” said Kate Brueggemann, Vice President of Development for the Adler Planetarium. “Upgrades to the Grainger Sky Theater and a major renovation of the Definiti Space Theater would not have been possible without this gift that has brought both theaters to the very top of their class.”

Guests can experience all that the Adler has to offer including sky shows in the Grainger Sky Theater and Definiti Space Theater by purchasing an Anytime All Access Pass. To see today’s show times and purchase tickets, visit <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/whats-here/must-see/shows/>

About the Adler Planetarium:

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 570,000 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.