

**WALK THE ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM WITH  
ADLER PLANETARIUM'S *PLANETS ON THE PATH*  
*Opening Memorial Day Weekend***

CHICAGO – May 20, 2015 – How big is the Solar System, really? How long does it take light to travel from the Sun to the Earth? See for yourself with *Planets on the Path*, the Adler Planetarium's new walkable scale model of the Solar System opening Memorial Day weekend.

In collaboration with the Chicago Park District and with the generous support of Magellan Corporation, the Adler has created a public installation spanning Chicago's entire lakefront, including parts of Museum Campus, to teach visitors about the Solar System.

*Planets on the Path* casts you in the role of space explorer and challenges you to grasp the immensity of space. You'll learn mind-blowing facts about your cosmic backyard as you explore your city here on Earth!

Beginning with the "Sun" station at the Adler, you can travel to the inner rocky planets— Mars, Mercury, Venus, and Earth—which are all located on the Museum Campus. From there, you can follow the "planets," including the Asteroid Belt and dwarf planet Pluto, south to Calumet Park at the state line or north to Juneway Terrace Park. If you walk at a leisurely pace, it will take you about the same amount of time to reach each planet, as it would take a beam of light to reach the real one. Pretty cool, right?

Each orbit will be marked with a large placard that will share some mind-blowing or head-scratching facts about each unique resident of our Solar System. For instance, did you know that the lack of an atmosphere on Mercury can cause daily temperatures to change by more than 1,000 degrees? Or that if you stood on the surface of Mars without protection, the water on your eyes would boil?

Facts like these will be used as part of our social media push throughout the summer. Trivia questions pertaining to a particular planet will be posted on our social channels; the first fan to arrive at the right planet and mention the post will win two All-Access Passes to the Adler Planetarium. We'll also be hosting a selfie challenge on Instagram and Twitter encouraging our followers to take selfies at each of the 11 installations during a designated time period using the hashtag #PlanetsonthePath. Participants who complete the challenge will be entered into a monthly drawing to win two various prizes including a year-long membership to the Adler.

Get to know your Solar System (and your city) this summer with *Planets on the Path*! And join us at the Adler seven days a week for more mind-blowing facts about the Universe or for a fast-paced tour of the Solar System in our premiere sky show, *Destination Solar System*.