

Adler Planetarium *REEL Science* Film Series Returns
Popular Film Series Back for the 2016-17 Season

CHICAGO – September 8, 2016 – Have you ever wondered what warp drive might be like? Or, why spacecraft in movies are always right-side up? Tickets go on sale today for the Adler Planetarium’s *REEL Science* Film Series, which is here to answer these very questions, and those you didn’t even think to ask!

Back for a second season, the popular *REEL Science* Film Series combines cinematic favorites with science conversations about the film—providing a unique opportunity to decipher fact versus Hollywood’s creative liberties. Designed to appeal to moviegoers, science enthusiasts and families alike, this five-event series begins again this fall and continues into 2017.

Doors for each event open at 5:30 and will include fun, pre-movie trivia, a screening of the film, followed by a post-show, “*REEL Science*” Q&A with Adler astronomers. Refreshments will be available for purchase at each event.

SERIES DETAILS

- **October 6, 2016**

***Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* (PG)**

Topics for discussion may include: *Star Trek*-related technologies, species extinctions, planetary protection and ethics and SETI, the Voyager plaque, Dyson spheres and other attempts to search for or contact alien species

- **November 4, 2016**

***Alien* (R)**

Topics for discussion may include: Parasites, insect/hive intelligence, interstellar travel, exobiology, exoplanets vs. Earth (climate, chemistry, conditions, etc.), space exploration and utilization

- **January 12, 2017**

***Spaceballs* (PG)**

Topics for discussion may include: The physics of light sabers and lasers, humor in science, interstellar travel, spaceships and design challenges, possibility for different biology/species on other planets (i.e., Barf), robots, teleportation, explosions in space

- **February 9, 2017**

***The Fifth Element* (PG13)**

Topics for discussion may include: Archeology and archaeoastronomy, urban development (mega cities of the future), Gravity (where’s my anti-gravity car?), genetics (bringing back extinct species), the future of space travel

- **March 9, 2017**

***Contact* (PG)**

Topics for discussion may include: Rate of exoplanet discoveries since Carl Sagan’s untimely death, the Drake Equation (estimating the number of civilizations we might be able to contact in our Galaxy), what are the chances of aliens from different worlds being aware of each other, meeting and having an interstellar war?

TICKETS

- \$22 General Admission Adult
- \$15 Member Adult
- \$10 Child (up to age 11)

Ticket prices are the same for advance sales and day-of at the Box Office.

Note the ratings for each of the movies—parental discretion is advised

Tickets for the October 6 *REEL Science* event are on sale now at:

<https://tickets.adlerplanetarium.org/webstore/shop/ViewItems.aspx?CG=pp&C=RSST>

Tickets for the remaining events will be on sale soon at:

<http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/whats-here/reel-science/>

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, more than 550,000 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.

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