

Adler Planetarium's REEL Science Film Series Returns
Popular Film Series Back for the 2017-18 Season

CHICAGO – September 25, 2017 – In a world where your spaceship's computer may be trying to kill you, where Earth is a desolate pile of trash inhabited by sensitive robots, where possibly hostile space aliens are freaking everyone out, where the only thing standing between you and certain death on a distant planet is potatoes, one event brings you a panel of scientists who can help you survive. This fall, go deep into the science of artificial intelligence, extraterrestrial agriculture, interspecies communication, and so much more. Starring working scientists, peer-reviewed research, audience questions, the best available evidence, and probably some space puns, the *REEL Science* Film Series is returning to the Adler Planetarium this fall.

Back for a third season, the popular 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 starts this fall and continues into early 2018.

Held in our *S. C. Johnson Family Star Theater*, doors for each event open at 5:30 and will include fun, pre-movie trivia and videos, a screening of the film, followed by a post-show, "Reel Science" Q&A with Adler scientists and special guests. Refreshments will be available for purchase at each event.

Series Details:

Friday, October 6, 2017: *The Martian* (PG-13)

An astronaut becomes stranded on Mars after his team assumes him dead and must rely on his ingenuity to find a way to signal to Earth that he is alive.

Thursday, November 2, 2017: *2001 A Space Odyssey* (G)

Humanity finds a mysterious, obviously artificial object buried beneath the Lunar surface and with the intelligent computer H.A.L. 9000, sets off on a quest.

Friday, January 12, 2018: *Arrival* (PG-13)

When twelve mysterious spacecraft appear around the world, linguistics professor Louise Banks is tasked with interpreting the language of the apparent alien visitors.

Friday, February 9, 2018: *WALL-E* (G)

In the distant future, a small waste-collecting robot inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind.

Thursday, March 8, 2018: *Demolition Man* (R)

A police officer is brought out of suspended animation in prison to pursue an old ultra-violent nemesis who is loose in a nonviolent future society.

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

Tickets:

- \$15 General Admission Adult
- \$12 Member Adult

- \$12 Child (up to age 11)

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

Tickets for the *REEL Science* Film Series are on sale now. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit: <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, 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.

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