A NIGHT IN THE AFROFUTURE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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What is Afrofuturism?

Afrofuturism is the reimagining of a future filled with arts, science and technology seen through a Black lens. It differs from "standard" sci-fi in that it is steeped in African traditions and Black identity, and celebrates the uniqueness and innovation of Black culture.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Metal from the Sky

6:00–9:30 / Level 2, Community Design Lab

Did you know that a meteorite fell into Lake Michigan last year? A cross-museum team of teens, scientists and staff are working to retrieve the (Vibranium?) fragments, so come help us prototype a magnetic device to find these elusive pieces!

SpaceTime Capsule

6:00–9:45 / Level 4, Curiosity Station

Drop in and share your thoughts on the future with the next generation or with your older self, and learn about former astronaut Mae Jemison's 100-Year Starship initiative!

Telescope Observing

6:00 / Outside Level 3 South

Space Visualization Lab

6:00–10:00 / Level 2, Near Telescopes Exhibit

Atwood Sphere

6:00–9:30 / Level 2

Navigate the night sky in a 106-year-old mechanical planetarium.

ENTERTAINMENT: *DJ Shannon Harris and DJ Sean Alvarez*
BARS: *Level 4 & Level 2 – 6:00–9:45*
SPECIALTY COCKTAIL: *Heart of Wakanda*
DINNER FOR PURCHASE
Galileo's Café – Level 4: 6:00–9:00

SKY SHOWS & PRESENTATIONS*

**All theater shows/lectures/presentations are included in your admission ticket, and are between 15-30 minutes long. Plan to arrive at the theater 15-30 minutes before your chosen show time(s); seats are first-come, first-served.*

Show: *Imagine the Moon* – NEW

6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30 / Level 4, Grainger Sky Theater

To some, the Moon may seem cold and remote. To others, its predictability brings comfort. Our celestial partner has been a source of wonder for all of human history, so come explore our fascination with the Moon up close at this brand new sky show.

Show: *Skywatchers of Africa* – TONIGHT ONLY

6:30, 8:00, 9:30 / Level 2, Definiti Space Theater

This fulldome show highlights the diversity of African astronomy, examines cultural uses of the sky that developed throughout history, and celebrates our shared human experience.

Show: *Planet Nine*

7:15, 8:45 / Level 2, Definiti Space Theater

Follow Mike Brown on a journey to the outer Solar System and the hunt for Planet Nine.

Panel: *In Conversation: Afrofuturism & Beyond*

8:45 / Level 1, Samuel C. Johnson Family Star Theater

How can we reimagine our communities that are often portrayed as dark spaces? Hear from noted Afrofuturist Ytasha Womack, video game designer Allen Turner, scientists Katrina Miller and Ashley Walker, along with Wakandacon producers Lisa Beasley and Taylor Witten as they discuss the evolution of the way dark matter is studied, the idea of "space", and the connection to how we see the world and ourselves.

Show: *Welcome to the Universe*

7:30 / Level 1, Samuel C. Johnson Family Star Theater

From the surface of the Earth to a supercluster of galaxies a billion light years away, explore space first hand in this show.

ADLER EXCLUSIVE

Rayla 2212 Narrative Game

6:00–9:45 / Level 2, The Universe [Check-In] / Building-Wide

In this immersive game, explore the worlds of Rayla–the main character of Ytasha Womack's afrofuturist* novel *Rayla 2212*– and help each character remember who they are by finding clues hidden within the exhibits.** Start your journey on Level 2 in *The Universe*, and finish on Level 4 in *Planet Explorers*.

Make sure to download the Metaverse app to help you in your quest! [Public Wifi: Adler Universe]

Copies of Ytasha Womack's Afrofuturism: **The World of Black Sci-Fi & Fantasy Culture are available for purchase in the Adler store!*

***Look for icons on the map to identify locations ("worlds") where clues may be hidden.*

The Afronauts & Improv Show

7:00, 8:00, 9:00 / Level 4, Planet Explorers*

In 1964, a Zambian science teacher named Edward Nkloso decided to train the first African "Afronauts" to travel to the moon. If given the chance, what and who would you take to outer space? Join comedians from B.A.P.S Comedy and PREACH! for an evening of improv and sketch as we journey into the unknown.

**Each performance will last approximately 15-20 minutes.*

Afrofuturistic Face & Body Painting – with Neko Harris

6:00–10:00 / Level 2, Astronomy in Culture

Check out Neko's afrofuturistic face painting or body work inspired by traditional African designs and artwork seen in *Black Panther.*

VR Experience – with I Play Games

6:00–10:00 / Level 2, Astronomy in Culture

Explore a selection of the coolest new immersive VR games with our friends from I Play Games.

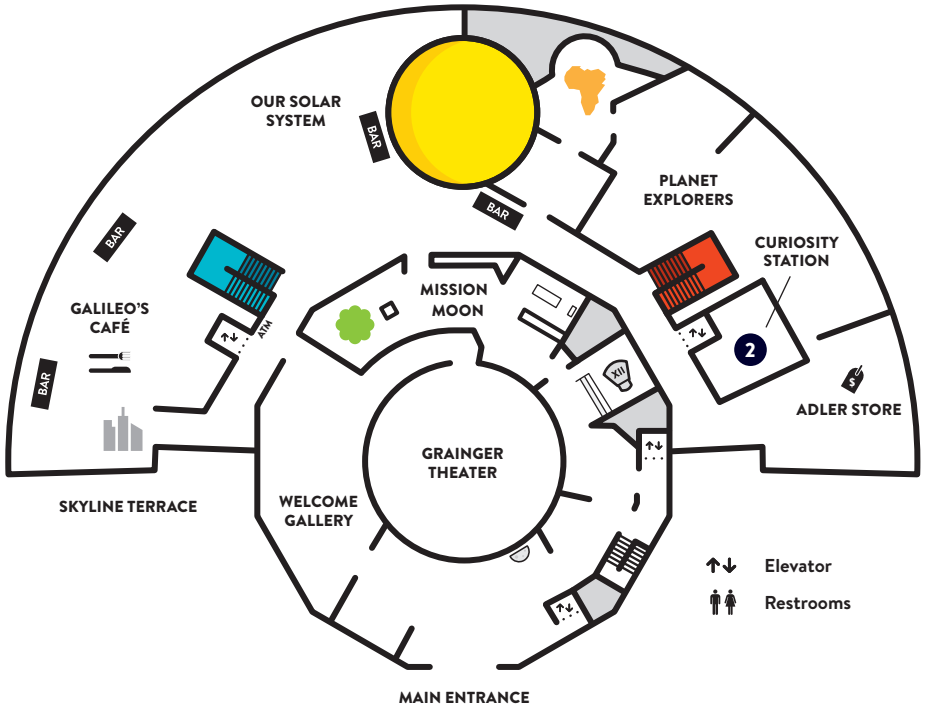
A Night in the Afrofuture – Dance Party

6:00–10:00 / Level 4, Galileo's Cafe

WAKANDACON

Adler After Dark: A Night in the Afrofuture is co-partnered by ***Wakandacon***, a 3-day family-friendly Afrofuturistic convention taking place **July 26-28, 2019 in Chicago, IL** that celebrates art, community, technology, and self-expression within the Black diaspora.

LEVEL 4



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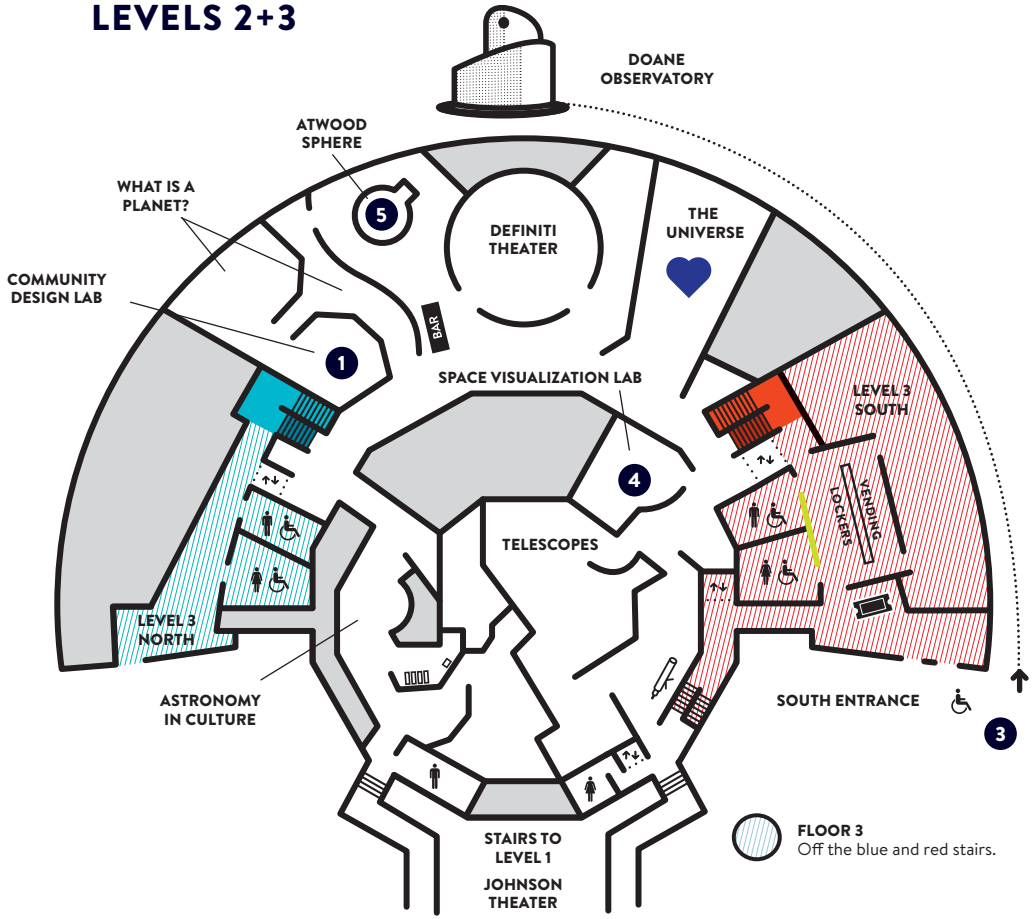

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Planet Hope – *The Universe*

East Africa, 11th Century – *Planet Explorers*

1970s America – *Mission Moon*

Future Chicago – *Galileo's Cafe*

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LEVEL 2

ASTRONOMY IN CULTURE (MEN'S)

TELESCOPES (WOMEN'S)

LEVEL 3N (NORTH)

RESTROOMS

LEVEL 3S (SOUTH)

COAT & BAG CHECK

RESTROOMS

VENDING

LEVEL 4

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ADLER STORE – *6:00-10:00*