

Adler Planetarium Presents Summer Film Fest Featuring Six Sky Shows from Across the World

May 3, 2018- This summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day (May 25-Sept. 3), the Adler Planetarium is showcasing six of the best fulldome planetarium films from around the world. With topics ranging from the birth of the Universe to interstellar flight, you'll travel backwards and forwards in time, and across the Universe, all from the comfort of your seat in our newly remodeled *Definiti Space Theater*, where each of these special sky shows will be shown.

Last year the *Definiti* underwent a complete renovation thanks to a gift from The Grainger Foundation of Lake Forest, Illinois. A new 8k resolution projection system providing a brighter, crisper and more colorful image on screen was installed, as well as new carpeting, new seats, and a new seamless dome surface.

Film Fest shows will be offered in addition to the Adler's regular sky show lineup, and are included with a basic admission pass and above. They will be offered in pairs, and will screen for a week at a time. Nowhere else will you be able to see this many offerings in one location!

For more information, visit:

<https://www.adlerplanetarium.org/events/adler-summer-film-fest>

Film Descriptions and Schedule

Running 5/25-31, 6/15-21, 7/6-12, 7/27-8/2, 8/17-23

[We are Astronomers](#)

Modern astronomy is a huge undertaking that requires global collaboration, unique technologies, and dedication. Meet some of the faces of modern astronomy and discover how astronomers and citizens across the globe are working together to answer unresolved questions about our Universe. Produced by NSC Creative and narrated by David Tennant.

[Asteroid: Mission Extreme](#)

Discover the possibilities that asteroids present for space travel. Explore what it would take for astronauts to reach an asteroid and tame it for our use, as well as how such an extraordinary adventure could benefit humankind. A mission this extreme could ultimately lead us to learn how to protect our planet and how to successfully inhabit other worlds. Produced by National Geographic, Sky Skan, and Lockheed Martin, and narrated by Sigourney Weaver.

Running 6/1-7, 6/22-28, 7/13-19, 8/3-9, 8/24-30

[Starlight](#)

For thousands of years, we have looked to the stars at night in wonder. Starlight is told through the eyes of Margaret, voiced by celebrated Australian actress Sigrid Thornton, who recounts her own story of falling in love with the night sky. Stunning visualizations will take you on a journey through the history of astronomy as we discover more and more about the stars. Produced by the Melbourne Planetarium.

[*Passport to the Universe*](#)

Take a summer vacation through the universe. Through cutting edge data visualizations, you will be immersed in a journey throughout the observable universe, to places never before possible. Produced by the American Museum of Natural History, and narrated by Tom Hanks, this awe inspiring film takes you on an unforgettable voyage of billions of light years.

Running 6/8-14, 6/29-7/5, 7/20-26, 8/10-16, 8/31-9/3

[*Faster Than Light: The Dream of Interstellar Flight*](#)

The impulse to strike out into the unknown, to see what's over the horizon... is as old as humanity. Today, a whole new horizon beckons. Scientists now believe that our galaxy is filled with solar systems, including up to 9 billion Sun-like stars with planets similar to Earth. But how will we ever get there? Take a ride on the spacecraft of the future and explore how scientists are developing technologies to move us faster than we ever dreamed possible. Produced by Spitz and narrated by Sean Bean.

[*We are Stars*](#)

Explore the secrets of our cosmic chemistry, and our explosive origins. Narrator Andy Serkis takes you on a magical journey back in time to the Big Bang and the formation of the first atom, to the birth of the sun, and the explosion of life on Earth. This family friendly show is full of adventure, wonder, and awe. Produced by NSC Creative.

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, almost 600,000 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. ☒