

The Adler Planetarium Debuts *Chasing Eclipses*, Latest Temporary Exhibition, March 25

Chicago- March 8, 2017— Have you ever wondered what it would be like to stand in the shadow of the Moon? Anticipating the moment before totality, when you can physically experience the shadow before it arrives. The wind picks up. Wildlife goes quiet. The temperature drops. The sunlight slowly dims in the middle of the day, bathing the surroundings in an eerie twilight. What feels like an otherworldly experience, is attainable on Earth, and it will leave you in awe. On March 25, the Adler Planetarium's next temporary exhibit, *Chasing Eclipses*, will immerse you in the spine-tingling, goose bump-inducing experience of a solar eclipse.

Guests will find inspiration in eclipse chasers from history, discover the cosmic scale of being in the shadow of the Moon, and prepare to chase down the great solar eclipse on August 21—the first total solar eclipse in the United States in 38 years.

For people in the "path of totality," the Moon will block out the mid-day Sun completely for nearly three minutes. In Chicago, up to 90 percent of the Sun will be covered, creating a spectacular light. The last time Chicago was this close to the path of totality for a total solar eclipse was 210 years ago in 1806. In celebration of this rare celestial occurrence, *Chasing Eclipses* will raise awareness, drum up excitement and give people all the tools they need to make the most of this event.



What to Expect:

- Learn what a solar eclipse is, and why are they so important
- Experience what is like to stand in the presence of totality with a solar eclipse simulation experience
- Discover how people throughout time have predicted when and where a total solar eclipse would occur
- Explore artifacts from the Adler collections that have helped predict solar eclipses through the ages
- Hear stories of solar eclipse sightings across the world, and prepare to witness the great solar eclipse on August 21

This temporary exhibition, which is included with general admission, will be open to the public from March 25, 2017 through January 8, 2018.

For more information, visit <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/chasing-eclipses>

About the Adler:

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.