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TIME TRAVEL BEGINS THIS SUMMER ONLY AT THE ADLER!

CHICAGO (August 1, 2005) – Time travel begins this summer at the Adler Planetarium! Experience *TimeSpace*, a new StarRider show that changes the Adler into a portal to dazzling astronomical events in history. *TimeSpace* is an adventure that transports audiences across the Universe to explore the past and imagine the future over more than **14 billion** years.

“*TimeSpace* is unlike any sky show the Adler has ever presented,” said Mark Paternostro, co-producer of *TimeSpace*. “And this is just the first stop in the *TimeSpace* adventure; many more destinations remain to be experienced.”

Appealing to the thrill seeker in us all, *TimeSpace* is the first original animated show produced by the Adler Planetarium. Visitors are introduced to *TimeSpace* in “Timetown” at the Event Horizon Café. The show features five of the most exciting events in astronomical history. Each story is presented as a destination to be experienced first-hand, engaging viewers on a whirlwind audio and visual journey.

TimeSpace starts at the beginning of Time, with the “Big Bang.” Audiences will watch the creation of all matter unfolding the Cosmos, climaxing with the birth of the first stars. Next, travelers will watch as a giant asteroid collides with the Earth, an event that may have doomed the dinosaurs 67 million years ago. Travelers will also observe Halley’s Comet with Mayan skywatchers and enjoy an historic walk on the Moon with Neil Armstrong. The journey ends a thousand years from now in 3001, when humans may call an orbiting space-nation home.

“*TimeSpace* is a unique planetarium show, in which we bring the audience to any point in time and space,” said Matthew Mascheri, co-producer of *TimeSpace*. “Blending science, art and story, *TimeSpace* is a show that inspires people to learn more about the exciting topics we present at the Adler.”

TimeSpace shows in the Adler’s StarRider Theater, the world’s first all-digital projection planetarium theater.

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Daily Show Times: Monday – Sunday 10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm.

TimeSpace is an original production created by the Adler Planetarium and narrated by artist and musician Laurie Anderson.

The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum – America’s First Planetarium – was founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler. The museum is home to one of the world’s most important antique instrument collections and is the only museum in the world with two full-size planetarium theaters, including the world’s first StarRider Theater. The Adler is a recognized leader in science education, with a focus on inspiring young people, particularly women and minorities, to pursue careers in science.

The Adler Planetarium is marking its 75th Anniversary by launching a year of celebration and a new vision for its future. A new mission will expand the museum’s current focus on astronomy to celebrate human space exploration and America’s space heroes. Through this new vision, the Adler will help inspire the next generation of explorers.

The Adler Planetarium is located at 1300 South Lake Shore Drive in Chicago and is open every day except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. For more information visit our website at www.adlerplanetarium.org

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