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CHECK OUT THE OCC PLANETARIUM THIS WINTER

TOMS RIVER – During the winter months, the **Robert J. Novins Planetarium** located on the OCC main campus, College Drive, Toms River, NJ, is offering a variety of shows for all ages. One of the largest and most active planetariums in New Jersey, new technology provides Planetarium staff with exciting ways to bring you the wonders of the Universe! **The winter show schedule runs through March 18.**

SKY SHOWS

Tickets: \$10 adults; **\$8** seniors (60+) & OCC Rewards Members (with card); **\$7** children (12 & under) & OCC students (with ID); and **\$35** family pack (two adults/three children).

The Stars from my Backyard is an introduction to the night sky designed for our youngest visitors featuring the Sun, Moon, constellations, planets, and weather for the current season. Stories, songs, and a rainstorm help make this an exciting show for young children. **Shows: Sundays at 11:30 a.m.** Ages: 10 and under.

One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure features Sesame Street's Big Bird and Elmo as they explore the night sky with Hu Hu Zhu, a Muppet from China. Children will learn about the moon, the Earth, bright stars, visible planets, and constellations in the current sky. **Shows: Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.** Ages: 7 and under.

Wonders of the Winter Sky is an ever-changing program exploring the season's constellations, bright stars, planets, and celestial highlights. Constellation mythology and recent space missions are also included. **Shows: Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at 1:00 and 8:15 p.m., and Sundays at 1:00 p.m.** Ages: 10 and over.

Bad Astronomy: Myths & Misconceptions answers the questions: Were the Apollo visits to the Moon a hoax? Have aliens landed on Earth? Can you tell your future by the stars? Based on the popular book and website. **Shows: Fridays at 8:15 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.** Ages: 10 and over.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pajama Night: Story Telling Under the Stars

Storybooks come to life with this cozy, family-friendly event. Giant-sized pictures float among the stars to accompany the tales. Feel free to wear comfy pajamas, bring a pillow or blanket, and spend a fun and relaxing hour under the planetarium stars.

Shows: Saturday, February 18 and Saturday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. Ages: Children who still enjoy bedtime stories. **Tickets: \$8 per person.**

LASER SHOWS

Shows run on Fridays and Saturdays as indicated. **Tickets: \$14 for adults, \$12 seniors (60+), \$10 children (12 and under).**

January 27 & January 28

Laser Magic is a mix of movie tunes, songs you love, and songs you forgot, all paired with delightful laser images. It's musical fun for the whole family! Shows: 7:00 p.m.

Laser Vinyl is a fantastic musical concert representing the best of classic rock with some of the most beautiful and stunning laser art! Shows: 8:15 p.m.

Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon is a mix of psychedelic rock paired with a unique assortment of sound effects and an unusual display of laser art. Shows: 9:30 p.m.

February 24 & February 25

LaserRetro couples great laser art with upbeat rock and pop songs from one of the most exciting periods in mainstream music: the '80s! Shows: 7:00 p.m.

Laser U2 features timeless classic and modern hits set against a backdrop of the latest laser art. Journey through this British band's rise and success! Shows: 8:15 p.m.

Pink Floyd: The Wall is always a crowd favorite! *The Wall* is considered to be one of the best classic rock albums of all time. Shows: 9:30 p.m.

March 16 & March 17

Laser Beatles features the "Fab Four's" best music set against a background of dazzling laser-art and spectacular digital and analog effects. Shows: at 7:00 p.m.

Laser Zeppelin features amazing rock accompanied by incredible laser imagery. *Note: May contain lyrics that some parents find objectionable. Not recommended for ages under 15.* Shows: 8:15 p.m.

Laser Hypnotica is a body-shaking laser experience with pulsing beats, dazzling lights, and incredible imagery. *Note: May contain lyrics that some parents find objectionable. Not recommended for ages under 15.* Shows: 9:30 p.m.

All shows begin promptly. Please plan to arrive at least 15-minutes prior to show time as there is no admittance or re-admittance once the show has begun.

Tickets are available by phone at 732-255-0400, ext. 2111. Tickets are also available at the door and go on sale 1/2 hour before each show. Multi-Show discounts and special group rates are available, please call ahead for information.

For recorded show information, call 732-255-0342. For a list of upcoming events, visit <http://www.ocean.edu/planet.htm>.