



# The Starry Messenger

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## In Memory of Dr. James Horwitz



The Physics Department of UT Arlington lost its innovative and dynamic leader, Dr. James Horwitz who unexpectedly died at his home on January 31, 2009.

He provided amazing support to the Planetarium and Astronomy programs in addition to invaluable revolutionary service for the department. Under his administration, the Physics department dramatically extended research and teaching functions.

The Planetarium Director, Levent Gurdemir, said "he was an excellent administrator and very good friend. He tirelessly helped us to secure funds for the new planetarium projection system. He was extremely excited about it. I am so sad that he will not be with us when the new system is installed in June. My staff and I and the **Physics Phamily** will truly miss him".

Spring Has Arrived at the Planetarium!

Spring Semester Public Show Schedule



Our spring schedule starts February 19th and runs through May

31st.

## The Cosmic Perspective: How the Astrophysicist views Life, the Universe and Everything



**Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson**  
Feb. 17th at 8:00 pm

As part of the International Year of Astronomy, Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson will be giving a presentation as part of the Maverick

Speaker Series.

Neil deGrasse Tyson was born and raised in New York City, where he was educated in the public schools through his graduation from the Bronx High School of Science. Tyson went on to earn his BA in Physics from Harvard and his Ph.D. in Astrophysics from Columbia.

Tyson's professional research interests are broad, but include star formation, exploding stars, dwarf galaxies, and the structure of our Milky Way. Tyson obtains his data from the Hubble Space Telescope, as well as from telescopes in California, New Mexico, Arizona, and in the Andes Mountains of Chile.

To continue reading Dr. Tyson's biography or to purchase tickets please see the [Maverick Speakers website](#).

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Imagine That!

Isaac Newton will appear at the Planetarium

"How I deduced the law of gravity and wrote a most important science book"

**Tuesdays:**

1:30 - Matinee - check our website for more information

**Wednesdays:**

4:30 - Bad Astronomy  
6:00 - \$2 movie

**Thursdays:**

1:30 - Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

**Fridays:**

4:00 - Ice Worlds  
5:00 - Bad Astronomy  
6:00 - \$2 movie  
9:00 - Rock on Demand

**Saturdays:**

1:00 - Secret of the Cardboard Rocket  
2:30 - \$2 movie  
6:00 - Ice Worlds  
7:30 - Bad Astronomy  
9:00 - Rock on Demand

**Sundays:**

12:00 - Matinee  
1:00 - Secret of the Cardboard Rocket  
2:30 - Bad Astronomy  
3:30 - Ice Worlds

**Romancing the Stars:  
An Elegant Look at the Night Sky**



Looking for the perfect Valentine's Day event to share with that special someone? Join us this Valentine's Day at the planetarium for **Romancing the Stars**. If the weather is good, we will set up our telescopes for your use. Each couple will also receive a box of chocolates and rose!

The planetarium dome presentation takes



by Isaac Newton,  
MS, Cambridge  
University

RA Hill presents Newton's life as he might have told it in the first person. "Newton" explores how he searched

for answers to questions that held his interest... what force held the moon or the planets in their orbits, or attracted an apple to the earth? "Newton" explores the stories of the "giants" upon whose shoulders he stood to deduce the answers that led to the universal law of gravity and the science of mechanics.

**Schedule of Presentations:**

May 8, 2009 at 12:00 Noon  
May 15, 2009 at 7:30 pm  
May 22, 2009 at 12:00 Noon  
May 29, 2009 at 7:30 pm

Tickets are \$5 per person.

Call the planetarium at **817-272-1183** to make your reservations now! Or send us an [email](#). Want to schedule your own event with Isaac Newton? Visit his [website](#).

**Movie Night at the Planetarium!**

Do you wish that you could watch your favorite movies on the big screen again? Now you can, at the Planetarium! The Planetarium will be showing movies during

a look at how the human qualities of love and beauty are reflected in the constellations and the universe. You'll meet Venus the Goddess of Love; Diana Goddess of the Moon and her love for Orion; Pryamus and Thisbee, a love story that pre-dates Romeo and Juliet; and the story of Bernice's hair.

Fri, Feb 13th at 7:00 PM, come for the show and free telescope viewing. **Sorry, this showing is SOLD OUT.**

Sat, Feb 14th at 8:00 PM come for the show and stay for wine and appetizers after. **Sorry, this showing is SOLD OUT.**

**ADDITIONAL SHOW:** Sat, Feb 14th at 5:00 PM, because of the popularity of this show, we have added a second one, come for the show and get your free rose and box of chocolates.

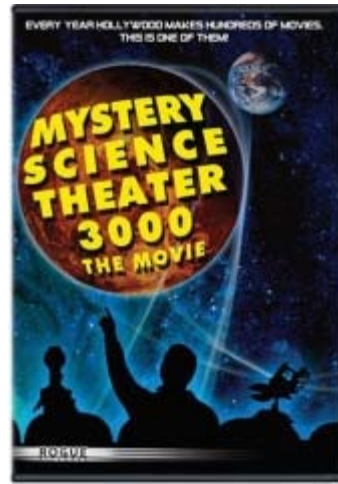
For ticket reservations and prices, call the planetarium at **817-272-1183**. Or send us an [email](#). Couples only please. No jeans.

## Secret of the Cardboard Rocket



The Planetarium would like to announce its newest show; **Secret of the Cardboard Rocket**. This solar system show is great for kids and schools.

Join two children on a magical journey through the solar system, aided by a talking astronomy book, a cardboard



the week for just \$2/person, and all are welcome to attend. The schedule changes each week, so watch the **Starry Messenger** or the [announcements page](#) of our [website](#) to see which movies we are showing.

### Showtimes are:

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM  
Fridays at 6:00 PM  
Saturdays at 2:30 PM

Check out our first few movies!

**Feb 25, 27** - Mystery Science Theater 3000

\*Due to a private event there will be no movie on Feb 28th

**March 4, 6, 7** - The Fifth Element

**March 12, 13, 14** - The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Host your next event under the brightest stars of Arlington!



We are currently booking for special events like:

- \*Weddings
- \*Baby Showers
- \*Engagement Parties

rocket, and a vivid imagination.

In this imagination inspiring show from the Clark Planetarium, audiences will land on the surface of Venus, fly through the rings of Saturn and discover the secrets of our solar system.

Join the fun during our public shows, or schedule your class for a private showing by calling the Planetarium at **817-272-1183** or send us an [email](#).

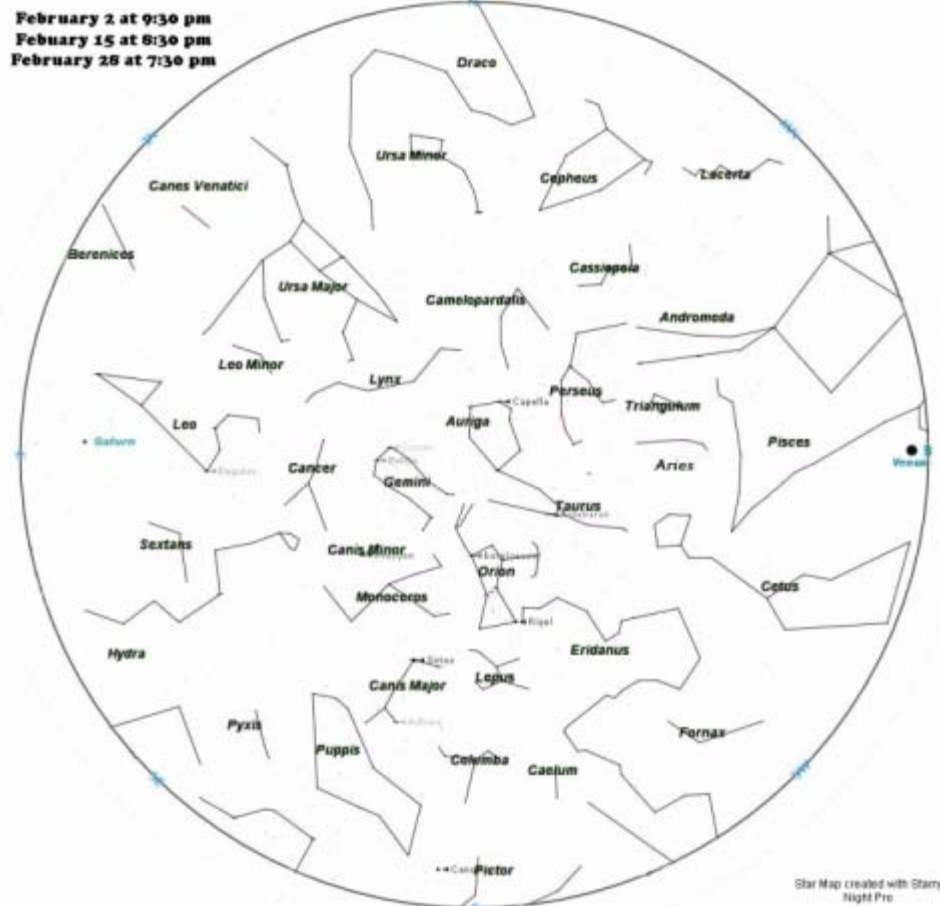
\*Birthday Parties

\*Anniversaries

If you would like to make your next event memorable, consider the planetarium.

Call us for more informations or to schedule your event!

**817-272-1183**



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