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March 22 is International Day of Planetaria
The Children's Museum Welcomes Guest Speaker
And Offers Special Programming

WEST HARTFORD, March 19, 2009 – To recognize this year's International Day of Planetaria, The Children's Museum will offer special programming throughout the day on **March 22, 2009**, including public demonstrations of solar and radio telescopes. Guest instructor F.J. Wallace will show his meteorite collection and answer questions throughout the day.

"The International Day of Planetaria is celebrated in countries throughout the world. We are excited to be offering a chance to study the Sun through our telescopes, and we are thankful to Mr. Wallace for providing us the rare chance to see his meteorite collection," said Kristie Mazzoni, Director of The Children's Museum's Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium.

This event is free with Museum Admission and there is no pre-registration. International Day of Planetaria programming will run from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

The Children's Museum offers hands-on science exhibits, live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. With over 210,000 visitors annually, it is one of Connecticut's top museum attractions. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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