



MEDIA ADVISORY

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The Phoenix Mars Lander Lands at The Children's Museum

"Ack Ack" - Mars feature film to be shown on the big dome screen!

May 15, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)...The Children's Museum and new Travelers Science Dome in partnership with The Planetary Society will be celebrating the landing of the Phoenix Mars Lander on May 25, 2008 from 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. Launched in August 2007 the Phoenix Mars Mission is the first to take flight in NASA's Scout Program. Now, almost 10 months later, the Phoenix Mars Lander will land on Mars, its mission to study the history of water and to search for organic molecules.

The evening will kick off in the Planetarium with a live NASA feed featuring commentary of the landing and first photos from the spacecraft. Events will also include Mars geology classes, where the young and not-so-young can learn why the search for water is so

important, and how the Phoenix Mars Lander will study the Martian surface.

To complete the evening's festivities a special Mars film will be shown on the big dome of the Planetarium. Martians arrive at Earth and the President of the United States tries to establish friendly relations with them. Unfortunately, the Martians' response is "Nice planet. We'll take it." The Martians wreak havoc on the Earth with green and red death-rays that leave nothing but skeletons behind. Visit our website www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org for all the details on this 1996 box office blockbuster.

Pre-registration is highly recommended, since the event may sell out. Registration is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers, and \$15 for Planetary Society Members. It includes admission to the Museum and all events listed below. To register, please call 860.231.2830, ext. 44 or events@thechildrensmuseumct.org. Late Night Discount: \$8 at 8 – Late Night pricing begins after 8 PM for \$8 person.

Pre-registration is recommended as seating will be limited.

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