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“Galactic Art – Astronomy Paintings” Exhibit
The Galaxy Seen From the Stars at The Children’s Museum

WEST HARTFORD, Oct. 10, 2008 - See art and science join in a star’s eye view of the galaxy at The Children’s Museum. “Galactic Art – Astronomy Paintings,” the space art of Rick Costello, will be on display at the Green Gallery through January 5, 2009.

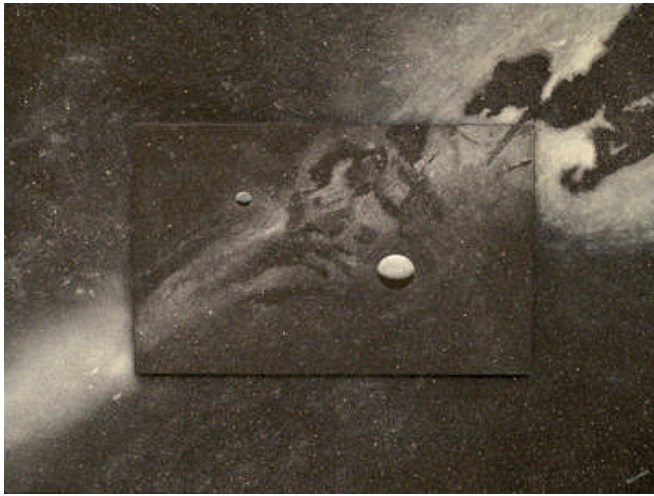
Costello, a resident of Manchester, Conn., is an amateur astronomer and works in the The Children’s Museum’s Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium. An accomplished artist, he specializes in astronomically accurate paintings of space. Said Costello, “In each painting, I try to show the galaxy as it would look if we could be beyond the Earth and Moon and see the hundreds of billions of stars that are in our galaxy.”

Costello’s paintings feature hundreds of thousands of stars, each carefully and painstakingly painted one at a time. NASA has commissioned one of his paintings for display in a permanent exhibit at the Kennedy Space Center. Added Costello, “My paintings are an extension of my telescope. They are a way to show others our place within the Milky Way Galaxy.”

More information on Costello’s art is available at www.costellopaceart.com and admission to the gallery show is included with regular admission to The Children’s Museum.

The Children’s Museum offers live animal, dinosaur, and other exhibits and as well as many science education 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 more information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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“Telescopic View of the Earth and Moon,” by Rick Costello, a painting currently featured in the “Galactic Art – Astronomy Paintings” exhibit at The Children’s Museum in West Hartford, Conn.