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### **State Museum Planetarium Presents New Sky Show – *Hubble Vision 2*, September 9 through November 12, 2006**

**Harrisburg, PA** - The State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, presents *Hubble Vision 2*, a fascinating tour of the cosmos from Earth orbit. The show begins Saturday, September 9 and continues through November 12.

Since its launch in 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope has provided remarkable images in unprecedented detail to astronomers, and made an astonishing array of discoveries – from nearby objects in the solar system to the most distant galaxies at the limits of the observable universe. Viewers can catch glimpses of the Moon and Venus; clouds on dusty Mars; Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9's crash into Jupiter; storms on Saturn, Uranus and Neptune; and the faraway world of Pluto.

Beyond the solar system planetarium guests will explore protoplanetary disks in the Orion Nebula, and regions of starbirth across the cosmos. Witness the deaths of stars like the cataclysmic aftermath of supernovae in the Crab Nebula; and expanding rings around Supernova 1987a. See breathtaking views of colliding galaxies; jets shooting from active galactic nuclei, powered by supermassive black holes; the eerie affects of gravitational lenses; and deep field views of the most distant galaxies ever seen.

Allow 40 minutes for viewing *Hubble Vision 2*, including entering, exiting and a 5 minute presentation of the sky tonight.

Public presentations of *Hubble Vision 2* are scheduled at 11 a.m., 1 and 2 p.m. Saturdays, and 1 and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults; \$3.00 for children 12 and under and Senior Citizens. Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society® receive a discount rate of \$2.50. Members should present their membership cards at the front desk to receive the discount.

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The State Museum of Pennsylvania is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on *Hubble Vision 2* as well as other programs, exhibitions and events at The State Museum, click on [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org)

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