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**The State Museum Planetarium Presents *George and Oatmeal Save Christmas* and
Season of Light Holiday Shows November 18 through December 31, 2006**

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Harrisburg, PA – The State Museum Planetarium at 300 North Street offers two holiday shows to brighten the season. *George and Oatmeal Save Christmas* and *Season of Light* begin November 18 and continue through December 31, 2006.

George and Oatmeal Save Christmas is designed especially for young children and families. In this program, Santa is lost and Oatmeal the snowman and George the Planetarium Wizard set out to find him. They journey to the Southern Cross, the Pleiades and Orion. When they find Santa they learn the story of “The Drinking Gourd”, also known as the Big Dipper. By following the stars, Santa and his friends find their way back to the North Pole in time to deliver toys for Christmas.

Season of Light, a new planetarium program, is designed for the general public and family audiences and recounts the historical religious and cultural rituals practiced during the winter solstice, including Christian, Jewish, Celtic, Nordic, Roman, Irish, Mexican and Hopi customs.

The State Museum will offer public presentations of *George and Oatmeal Save Christmas* on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and *Season of Light* on Saturdays and Sundays 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Special weekday shows are presented December 26, 27, 28 and 29 with *George and Oatmeal Save Christmas* at 11 a.m. and *Season of Light* at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$3.50 for adults, \$3.00 for children 12 and under and Senior Citizens. Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society® receive a discounted rate of \$2.50. Members should present their membership cards at the front desk to receive the discount.

Planetarium tickets are sold at the Ground Floor Information Desk the day of the show. Reserved show tickets are available at a reduced rate for groups of 15 or more with advance arrangements. Please call (717) 772-6997 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for more information and group reservations.

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