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**The Planetarium at the State Museum of Pennsylvania Presents**  
***IBEX: Search for the Edge of Solar System* May 8 through August 29, 2010**

**Harrisburg, PA** - Join scientists who are investigating the boundary between our Solar System and the rest of our galaxy in *IBEX: Search for the Edge of the Solar System*. Designed for visitors with an appreciation for the challenges of space science and a desire to learn more about science research, *IBEX: Search for the Edge of the Solar System* follows the creation of NASA's Interstellar Boundary Explorer (IBEX). Audiences will get an in-depth look at the mission and how IBEX is collecting high-speed atoms to create a map of our Solar System's boundary. Narrated by two inquisitive teenagers, audiences will hear from the scientists and engineers who developed the IBEX mission and created the spacecraft, and get the latest updates on the mission's discoveries.

For younger audiences The State Museum offers *Search for Orion*. Accompanied by narrators Aesop the owl and Socrates the mouse, we follow Orion's adventures as he

grows to manhood, battles mythical beasts, foils the plot of an evil king and wins the heart of Artemis, the beautiful moon-goddess. By the end of the story, we learn how the constellation Orion was placed in the sky, forever turning overhead throughout the seasons.

A visit to the Planetarium at the State Museum of Pennsylvania includes the 25 minute feature presentation as well as a 5 minute preview of the constellations and other objects visible in our current night sky. Please allow 10 minutes extra time for entering and exiting from the venue once you have arrived at the Planetarium.

Public presentations of *IBEX* are offered at 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. Saturdays and 1:00 p.m. Sundays. *The Search for Orion* will be offered at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays and at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Both shows will be run from May 8 to August 29

Tickets must be purchased prior to the show at the Museum Information Desk on the ground floor. Tickets are \$5 for adults; \$4.00 for children 11 and under and Senior Citizens; this also includes general admission to the museum. Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society® receive free admission to the shows. Members should present their membership cards at the Museum Information Desk to receive their free pass. Group rates are available, call (717) 772-6997.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trails of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Wednesday 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 programs, exhibitions and events at The State Museum, click on [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).

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