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**The Planetarium at the State Museum of Pennsylvania Presents**  
*Stars and Passport to the Universe*  
**September 4 through December 12, 2010**

**Harrisburg, PA** - The State Museum of Pennsylvania presents its fall 2010 planetarium line-up featuring *Stars* and *Passport to the Universe*. In *Stars* visitors can learn about the powerhouses of the Universe. Every star has a story. Some are as old as time, faint and almost forgotten. Others burn bright and end their lives in powerful explosions. New stars are created every day, born of vast clouds of gas and dust. Through every phase of their existence, stars release the energy that powers the Universe. Journey to the furthest reaches of our galaxy and experience both the awesome beauty and destructive power of stars. Public presentations of *Stars* are offered on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Also showing is *Passport to the Universe*. Narrated by two-time Academy award winner Tom Hanks, this exhilarating flight through a virtual re-creation of our universe is an astounding visual adventure through space. Travel through our Solar System, out of our

galaxy and deep into intergalactic space to answer the question, “Where are we in the universe?” Public presentations of Passport to the Universe are offered on Saturday at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets must be purchased prior to the show at the Museum Information Desk on the ground floor. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 12 and under and Senior Citizens. This includes general admission to The State Museum. Group rates are available, call (717)772-6997. State Museum affiliate members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society® receive FREE admission to the planetarium and FREE general admission to The State Museum.

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. Beginning September 1, museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 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 other planetarium shows, exhibitions and events at The State Museum, click on [www.statemuseumpa.org](http://www.statemuseumpa.org).

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