

READY FOR LIFTOFF! PHILLIP AND PATRICIA FROST MUSEUM OF SCIENCE ROCKETS INTO SUMMER WITH JOURNEY TO SPACE

SPECIAL EXHIBITION LAUNCHES ON MAY 25



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MIAMI, FL (Feb. 29, 2024) – Explore the extraordinary conditions of human space travel with the launch of *Journey to Space*, a new special exhibition opening at the <u>Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science</u> in Downtown Miami on Saturday, May 25. *Journey to Space* provides guests with a hands-on, climb-aboard experience that explores what it takes to live and work in space.

This exhilarating special exhibition uses interactive exhibits and authentic artifacts to immerse guests in the astounding aspects of life in space, including the very real dangers that astronauts face during their missions above Earth and the adaptations that engineers have developed to help them survive while in space. Guests will learn about weightlessness and the problems that come with long-term space living, play with water rockets to learn about launch mechanics, and utilize drop towers to discover how familiar objects act differently in space's weightless environment.

Through **games, multimedia components, and interactive exhibits**, guests will learn how astronauts eat, sleep, and even use the bathroom in space. They'll experience firsthand the difficulties of working in space, from controlling a robotic arm to managing the limited power supply available to keep life support systems operational to determining why working in a space glove is so difficult.

The exhibition's showstopping feature is a full-scale, climb-aboard mock-up of the Destiny Lab, the primary research facility for U.S. payloads on the International Space Station (ISS). The Destiny Lab's rotating mechanism will give museum guests the sensation of floating while they are given a virtual tour of the lab by astronauts who have worked inside. As they continue to explore *Journey to Space*, they'll find incredible footage of astronauts living and working in space and see interviews in which they reflect on the challenges and accomplishments of their unique line of work.

"We are excited to welcome guests on an exciting journey beyond the stars with the launch of *Journey to Space*," said Dr. Douglas Roberts, astrophysicist and President and CEO of Frost Science. "Visitors are in for an unforgettable



experience, delving into the thrilling adventure of space travel and discovering the triumphs and challenges astronauts face on their missions to explore the vast cosmos."

Journey to Space is presented by the Science Museum of Minnesota and the California Science Center, with support from NASA.

The exhibition will be on view from **Saturday, May 25, 2024, through Sunday, October 6, 2024**, inside the Hsiao Family Special Exhibition Gallery on the first floor of the museum. Admission to *Journey to Space* is included with all museum admission tickets. For more information on the exhibition, please visit <u>frostscience.org/space</u>.

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About the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science

Located in Downtown Miami's Maurice A. Ferré Park, the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science is a leading-edge science museum dedicated to sharing the power of science, sparking wonder and investigation, and fueling innovation for the future. Sitting on four acres, the 250,000-square-foot museum is divided into four distinct buildings: the Frost Planetarium, Aquarium, and the North and West Wings. At Frost Science, visitors can explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in an experiential setting with interactive exhibitions and unique shows. The Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science is supported by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County. This project is supported by the Building Better Communities Bond Program and the City of Miami. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and a member of the Association of Science and Technology Centers. Learn more at frostscience.org.

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