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The Great American Eclipse at the Museum of Arts & Sciences

Daytona Beach, FL – On Monday, August 21, 2017, the United States will experience one of the most incredible natural spectacles that can be witnessed by humans, a total eclipse of the Sun. On August 21 part of the United States will plunge into daytime darkness as the celestial motion of our solar system brings the Earth, Moon, and Sun into brief alignment. This total eclipse of the sun will be the first in the United States in almost 40 years. The Museum of Arts & Sciences will be hosting a variety of events to coincide with this momentous occasion.

SPECIAL PLANETARIUM SHOW: Preparing for the Great American Eclipse of 2017 Thursday, August 17, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Join us in the Planetarium at the Museum of Arts & Sciences for an exciting and unique show about the upcoming total solar eclipse that will cross the United States on Monday, August 21st. With our digital universe, you will learn how eclipses work, the history of their observation, safe viewing techniques, and where to find the path of totality across the continental U.S. Even though this will be a partial eclipse for Floridians, we will discuss how to safely view this rare phenomenon. You can also join us for a viewing at MOAS on August 21st. The Museum will be selling solar eclipse glasses for \$1.00 at the front desk before and after the show. This special planetarium show is free for MOAS members, is included with paid museum admission, or for the show only, is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

SPECIAL EVENT: Great American Eclipse Viewing Monday, August 21, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Come to the Museum of Arts & Sciences to view a rare and spectacular event as the moon passes over the sun in a partial solar eclipse for the Florida skies. The Museum will be exercising safe viewing experiences by selling solar eclipse glasses and operating a solar filter-equipped telescope that will allow visitors to see the eclipse happening in real time (weather permitting). The Museum will have staff on-hand to discuss the science behind the event and will also be tuning into digital streams of the total solar eclipse occurring across the United States. This event is free to the public.

SPECIAL PLANETARIUM SHOW: Experiencing the Great American Eclipse of 2017
Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

If you missed the Great American Eclipse that occurred on Monday, August 21st, never fear! The Museum of Arts & Sciences will be highlighting the spectacular footage captured of the solar eclipse as it crossed the continental United States inside the Planetarium. Using the planetarium software, the Museum will also explore how eclipses work and the scientific implications of studying them. MOAS Curator of Astronomy, Seth Mayo, and Planetarium Educator, Jason Schreiner, will discuss their experiences viewing and capturing the total eclipse and what to look forward to for the Great North American Eclipse that will be occurring in 2024. This special planetarium show is free for MOAS members, is included with paid museum admission, or for the show only, is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Seating in the Museum planetarium is limited. Planetarium shows and programs begin promptly on the hour. Be sure to arrive early to purchase your admission ticket in the main museum lobby. There will be no late admittance to planetarium shows.

Exhibits and dates subject to change.

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About the Museum of Arts & Sciences - The Museum of Arts & Sciences (MOAS) is the primary **art, science and history museum in Central Florida**. The area's largest museum, MOAS is nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate. Located on a 90-acre Florida nature preserve, the 100,000 square foot facility is host to over 30,000 objects including the Dow Gallery of American Art, one of the finest collections of American art in the Southeast, the Schulte Gallery of Chinese Art, the Bouchelle Collection and Gallery of Decorative Arts, the largest and most comprehensive collection in the South, the Gillespy Gallery of Sub-Saharan African artifacts, the Cuban Foundation Museum showcasing one of the most significant collections of Cuban paintings in the United States, the Prehistory of Florida gallery featuring Florida's Giant Ground Sloth skeleton and the Root Family Museum displaying restored railroad cars, antique automobiles and the largest collection of Coca-Cola® memorabilia in Florida. The Helene B. Roberson Visible Storage Building exhibits thousands of objects from many donors which are owned by the Museum, while the Linda and Williams Children's Museum presents an interactive experience for children. A new state-of-the-art planetarium and the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art showcasing the largest collection of Florida-based art in the world, rounds out areas to explore inside the Museum of Arts & Sciences.

Museum Hours are 10am-5pm (Monday-Saturday) and 11am-5pm (Sunday). Museum of Arts & Sciences admission is \$12.95 adults; \$6.95 children 6-17; \$10.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Daily Planetarium shows and weekly laser shows. Museum of Arts & Sciences admission includes one Planetarium show. Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art admission is \$10.95 adults; \$4.95 children 6-17; \$8.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission is \$18.95 adults; \$9.95 children 6-17; \$16.95 seniors and students; members and children 5 and under are free. Combo ticket admission includes on Planetarium show. Additional Planetarium shows are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 17 and under. Parking is free. Admission is FREE for Volusia

County residents the first Tuesday of each month (does not include Planetarium shows). MOAS is fully accessible to the handicapped. MOAS is located at 352 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114. For more information call 386.255.0285 or visit the website www.moas.org.

MOAS is a not-for-profit educational institution founded in 1955 and chartered by the State of Florida in 1962. The Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Programs sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the County of Volusia.

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