

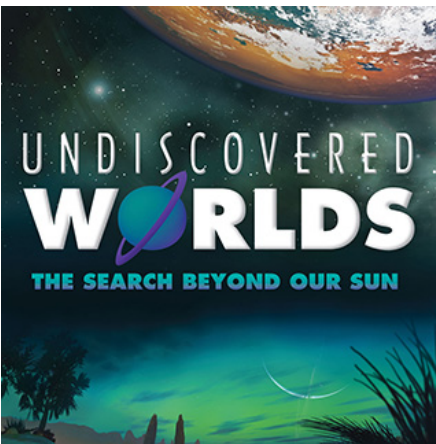


March 20-22, 2015 Science Fiction



Friday, March 20 - Science Fiction Intro and Mystery Science Theater 3000 Screening - Introducing the topic for the weekend, **Kathi Overton** will give a brief review of the history and development of the science fiction genre. A screening of a Mystery Science Theater 3000 film will immediately follow her presentation.

Doors open: 6:00pm SciFi Talk: 6:30 with MST3K screening to follow



Saturday, March 21 - Full Dome Show - Screening of the digital program **Undiscovered Worlds** This show explores a timeless question: Do other Earth like planets exist in the universe? Through the discovery of exoplanets – the hundreds of planets that have been found orbiting stars beyond the Sun – we have learned that our solar system is not alone in the universe and have had to redefine our understanding of planets and solar systems. Travel to distant stars and explore an exquisite and diverse array of alien worlds orbiting other stars. As the number of exoplanets soars into the thousands, space and ground based telescopes, such as NASA's Kepler telescope are revolutionizing our view of the universe.

The show will be preceded by no more than a 30 minute collective of short sci-fi films

Doors Open: 6:00 pm Show Begins: 6:30pm

Saturday, March 21 - Quiz Night: Come meet Dr. Sinister and some of the famous characters from Science Fiction works live in the Planetarium! Science fiction based questions will be asked, prizes will be awarded and you never know who might show up for a photo opportunity. Maybe a chance to take a selfie with a Storm Trooper will present itself. In the world of science fiction, there is no telling what could happen!!

Doors Open: 7:00pm Questions Begin: 7:30 pm Photo Opportunities to Follow



Sunday, March 22 - Panel Discussion: "Putting the Science in Science Fiction" -Join us Sunday afternoon for a panel discussion with four distinguished science fiction and fantasy writers as they talk about how they handle and include science into their works. Panelists include: Catherine Asaro (Saga of the Skolian Empire series), Tom Doyle (*American Craftsman* 2014), Ed Lerner (*Energized* 2012), Alan Smale (*A Clash of Eagles*, 2010) Moderated by Tom Schaad, host of Fast Forward: Contemporary Science Fiction Suitable for ages 10 and up.

Doors Open: 1:00pm Panel Begins: 1:30 pm



Sunday March 22 Screening of the digital program **Perfect Little Planet** (35 minutes) Fly over the ice cliffs of Miranda, dive down the ice cliffs of Saturn, sail through the lightning storms at Jupiter and walk on the surface of Mars. Which destination would you choose?

This is the solar system.

Doors Open: 2:45pm Show Begins: 3pm



Tickets and more information: friendsoftheplanetarium.org

Admission for this weekend's programming is \$3 for children (up to age 12) \$5 for Friends, Members and Seniors (60+) and \$7 for teens and adults

David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22207
(free parking, 10 min. walk from Ballston or Virginia Square Metro stops)