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## **HEAVENS ABOVE: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE UNIVERSE FROM THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE**

**Exhibition opens at  
Stamford Museum & Nature Center  
April 29, 2007  
Members Family Preview April 28, 5-8 p.m.**

(Stamford, Connecticut—April 2007) ... *Heavens Above: Photographs of the Universe from the Hubble Space Telescope*, an exhibition featuring 30 images of the most distant realms of the universe as captured by the Hubble Space Telescope, opens April 29 in Stamford Museum & Nature Center's Bendel Mansion Museum Galleries.

Stargazers young and old will enjoy the rich visual experience of these large scale high resolution transparencies strikingly displayed in illuminated light boxes. These images of nebulas, stellar evolution, star clusters, star deaths and an unending system of galaxies teach universal science, but also allow viewers to appreciate the reaches of the universe in artistic terms.

Since 1990, Hubble has been orbiting 370 miles above Earth, capturing information not available to Earth-based observatories. In its relatively brief history, Hubble has helped clarify age-old questions, such as how stars are formed and die, and the age of the universe.



*Heavens Above* also features *ViewSpace*, an Internet-fed, self-updating display of the latest presentations in space-based science and is accompanied by *Star Crazy!*, a display of the museum's own collection of prints by Etienne Leopold Trouvelot, a late 19<sup>th</sup> century amateur astronomer who produced spectacular drawings of astronomical features, and of some of the museum's own telescopes.

The museum is extending its gallery hours on Friday nights during the exhibition of *Heavens Above* to host a series of weekly interactive astronomy programs by Todd Sullivan, NASA Ambassador and Fairfield County Astronomical Society member. They will be held 7:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday nights, starting May 4 with "Hubble's Amazing Adventure." For a complete listing of programs, visit [www.stamfordmuseum.org](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org).

Stamford Museum & Nature Center will also hold a Hands-On Astronomy Day, Saturday, June 3, 10-12. Pre-registration is required; call 322-1646 or visit [www.stamfordmuseum.org](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org) for more information. As always, the museum's research Observatory is open to the public on Friday nights from 8:30 to 10:30.

The museum will hold a members' family preview of *Heavens Above* on Saturday, April 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. For information on becoming a member, call 203.322.1646.

*Heavens Above* has been organized by the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art of the Midland Center for the Arts in Michigan and NASA's Space Telescope Science Institute of Baltimore. It closes July 29.

Stamford Museum & Nature Center is located at 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford CT. For more information, call 203.322.1646 or visit [www.stamfordmuseum.org](http://www.stamfordmuseum.org).