DURING FIRST HALF OF 2020 SPRING SEMESTER PLANETARIUM PROGRAMS WILL BE GIVEN AS SCHEDULED BELOW. WEATHER PERMITTING VIEWING OF CELESTIAL OBJECTS USING CSUN'S CAMPUS TELESCOPE WILL FOLLOW EACH PROGRAM.

Fri Jan-31  7:30pm  Winter Sky Show.
Come and learn about stars, constellations and planets visible in the sky during this winter.

8:30pm  Light Years from Andromeda: A journey between two galaxies spans human history – and reveals the secrets of the cosmos.
A beam of light leaves a star in the Andromeda Galaxy and travels across the void of intergalactic space. For much of its journey the light traverses the nearly empty, cold, dark space between galaxies. In the meantime, on a planet in a neighboring galaxy, intelligent life begins to evolve. As the light speeds across the space over the course of many centuries, the primitives on the planet form culture and civilization and begin to wonder about the universe around them. Their awareness of the space grows as the light approaches their planet. When the light finally reaches the planet, its current inhabitants will begin to use the newly arriving light to conduct scientific study and exploration of the galaxy from which the light came – and beyond.

Fri Feb-14  7:30pm   Winter Sky Show.
Come and learn about stars, constellations and planets visible in the sky during this winter.

8:30pm  The Stargazer.
Come along on a journey to the stars with astronomer Dr. James Kaler who narrates this three-part personal look at astronomy. The show begins with a child's curiosity about stars, moves on to the science of gravity, the light, and spectrum and how they help us to understand the lifestyles of the stars, and then the show ends with Dr. Kaler's personal reflections on deeper meaning of astronomy in our lives. This narrated slide show is a production written and produced by the Great Lakes Planetarium Association in conjunction with Minneapolis Planetarium.

Fri Feb-28  7:30pm   Winter Sky Show.
Come and learn about stars, constellations and planets visible in the sky during this winter.

8:30pm  Stellar Evolution and the Origin of the Elements.
This presentation will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Periodic Table of Elements. A retired JPL astrophysicist Tim Thompson will explore how stellar evolution and modern stellar nuclear physics lead to formation of the many diverse chemical elements that make us up and the rest of our world. Tim Thompson is a retired JPL scientist, Mount Wilson Institute and Observatory Trustee and Docent, member of Los Angeles Astronomical Society and an avid chess player.

Thu Mar-12  7:30pm  Winter / Spring Sky Show.
Come and learn about stars, constellations and planets visible in the sky during late winter and early spring of this year.

8:30 pm MarsQuest.
MarsQuest is a chronicle tracing our centuries-long cultural and scientific fascination with the planet Mars. Set in a theatrical style “three-act” form with an epilogue, it weaves a satisfying narrative of what Mars means to humanity.
In the first act, "Homage", we trace Mars through history from early cultures to the “canals” which led to famous science fiction stories about Martians. Next act, "Mars in Focus", details the Mars of our time – as seen in the night sky through binoculars and telescopes and as discovered from our recent Mars robotic exploration. Finally, "Mars in the Future" examines what will be needed to get a manned mission to the Red Planet and what the first landing there might be like. The program ends with “Rhapsody in a Red Planet”, a poetically styled "ode to Mars", this time from a future perspective; an eloquent soliloquy tracing efforts that led to humanity’s first footsteps onto the desolate and dusty Martian surface. This show was produced in collaboration with the Space Science Institute and it is narrated by Patrick Stewart.


For ticket information: call 818-677-2488, or go to AS Ticket Office (in USU) between 10 am – 6 pm
Tickets: general admission - $6 for one show, $10 for two shows
student admission - $4 for one show, $7 for two shows