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Have An Out of This World Father's Day at the Witte **Celebrating the International Year of Astronomy**

SAN ANTONIO—Celebrate the International Year of Astronomy (IYA) with astronomer **Neal Evans, Ph.D.**, through **Time, Space and Galileo** at **2 p.m., Sunday, June 21** at the Witte Museum, in collaboration with the McDonald Observatory, University of Texas at Austin. Included with museum admission.

Held in conjunction with the Witte's summer blockbuster exhibit, *Playing with Time*, Evans, Chair of the Astronomy Department at UT Austin, will discuss the relationship between astronomy and time. The IYA 2009 commemorates 400 years since Galileo's first use of an astronomical telescope, leading to current understandings of time and space. The resulting revolution shattered the 2000 year old model of the Universe, leading to a vast expansion of the concept of the Universe, both in space and in time.

An expert on star formation, Evans has been on the faculty of The University of Texas at Austin since 1975, and currently serves as chair of the Astronomy Department. Currently, he is the principle investigator for "Cores to Disks," a Legacy Science Program study of star formation with NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope. Neal is a past member of the National Research Council's Committee on Astronomy and Astrophysics, past chair of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory's Program Advisory Committee and past chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Atacama Large Millimeter/Submillimeter Array, a multi-national observatory now under construction in Chile. He was a Fulbright Fellow at University College in London in fall 1999, and a Visiting Scholar at University of Leiden, Netherlands in spring 2000. Neal is also the author of a review article in the 1999 issue of *Annual Reviews of Astronomy and Astrophysics* on "Physical Conditions in Regions of Star Formation."

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