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## **MEDIA UPDATE/CALENDAR LISTING**

**MIAMI, FL (December 4, 2006)**

**WHO:** Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium

**WHAT:** "What's Happening at the Miami Museum of Science"

### **EXHIBITS**

- A massive alien invasion has landed in South Florida and taken over Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium. *The Science of Aliens*, a blockbuster exhibition that explores the real science behind the search for alien life, is an interactive exhibit that debuts in South Florida as it begins its North American tour. This exhibit is the largest of its kind to explore humanity's attachment to the search for alien life while using science to distinguish fact from fiction. (This exhibit runs until May 6, 2007.)
- Help us celebrate more than 50 years of Discovery! The Museum Memories exhibit features artifacts, photographs and activities celebrating the Miami Museum of Science and Planetarium's role in the life of our community. Bring in your favorite Museum photographs and tell us about your fondest Museum memories so that we can include them in this very special exhibit.
- Enjoy permanent exhibits such as *Newton's Notions*, *Vital Space* immersion theater, *40 Tons of Coral in New York City*, and the daily shows in the Museum's Theatre.

### **UPCOMING EXHIBITS**

- **The Cell Gallery: Your Inner Beauty**  
December 15, 2006 - March 10, 2007  
This is an exciting exhibit about the fascinating world of cell biology. It features a series of beautiful microscope images taken by researchers at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. It will introduce visitors to the concepts of the cell, the roles of different cells in health and disease, and the function of cells in sensing and reacting to the world around us. See the cells that make up our bodies in a way you'll never forget!

### **EVENTS**

- Want to spend your winter break exploring outer space? Join the Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium's winter camp! Come along on a galactic tour of a blockbuster exhibition that explores the real science behind the search for alien life! Winter Camp is for children ages 3 - 10 and runs from 9 am to 3 pm, December 26-29 & January 2-5. Before and after-care will be available. Children explore the same daily theme, but will be divided into age appropriate groups. Campers can book daily to personalize their fun!
- **Laser Fest Weekend - December 29 - 30, 2006**  
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Laser show admission: Adults \$7.00 per show, Children \$4.00 per show

\*Laser show admission includes laser glasses.

- The Museum will celebrate its Fifth Annual Gala "Building the Future" on February 16th, 2007, at The Ritz Carlton, Key Biscayne. We hope you will join us for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing chaired by Brenda and Robert Castellano, and Swanee and Paul DiMare.

**WHERE:** 3280 South Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida

**CONTACT:** (305) 646-4200 or visit [www.miamisci.org](http://www.miamisci.org)

General admission as of November 18, 2006: \$17.00, adults; \$15.00, seniors and students; \$11.00, children ages 3-12; \$5.00, Members; \$4.00, Members under 18; Free, children under 3.

**\*Open daily 10:00am - 6:00pm, and Friday nights open late until 10:00pm.  
Closed Christmas Day**

Founded in 1949, the Miami Museum of Science & Planetarium is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Explore the exciting and intellectually stimulating exhibits, Planetarium and Weintraub Observatory, Wildlife Center and Falcon Batchelor Bird of Prey Center, theater shows, and much more.