



SOLARIS

STARS ON SCREEN

This out-of-this-world season of films celebrates the 400th anniversary of the birth of Astronomy and has been programmed in collaboration with the University of Nottingham School of Physics and Astronomy.



SUN 4 & TUE 14, CAFEBAR TAKE A SPACE ODYSSEY!

Bang! Short Film Festival & NSC Creative based at the National Space Centre in Leicester present 'The Star Field' which gives the viewer the illusion that they are flying through a cloud of stars, planets and even the sun.

SUN 4, 7.30PM

SOLARIS PG SOLYARIS

with English subtitles

Dir: Andrei Tarkovsky Russia 1972 2hrs 46mins

With: Natalya Bondarchuk, Donatas Banionis

A psychologist sent to a space station to investigate mysterious deaths, discovers supernatural phenomena.

■ INTRODUCTION

Tonight's speaker Mark Hammonds is an astro-chemist who will briefly talk about possible ways of life on other solar and exo-solar planets.



MON 5, 8PM

SUNSHINE 15

Dir: Danny Boyle US/UK 2007 1hr 47mins

With: Cillian Murphy, Rose Byrne, Cliff Curtis

Fifty years from now the sun is dying, and with it, mankind. A spaceship with a mammoth nuclear weapon which could breathe new life into the fading star. Deep into their voyage, their mission starts to unravel.

■ INTRODUCTION

Prof. Alfonso Aragon-Salamanca will give a short talk about stars in general and our own sun in particular. How do they form, evolve and die?



WED 7, 8PM

APOLLO 13 PG

Dir: Ron Howard US 1995 2hrs 20mins

With: Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Kevin Bacon

Gripping drama based on the events of the Apollo 13 space flight, which saw three American astronauts stranded in a crippled spacecraft miles from earth.

■ INTRODUCTION

Prof. Michael Merrifield will discuss what we know about the moon and the future of human spaceflight.



FRI 9, 7.45PM

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY PG

Dir: Garth Jennings US/UK 2005 1hr 48mins

With: Martin Freeman, Sam Rockwell, Mos Def

Douglas Adams' classic book is affectionately adapted for the silver screen in this witty send-up of sci-fi pretensions and clichés.

■ INTRODUCTION

Dr. Meghan Gray will conduct a guided tour of our very own galaxy, the Milky Way.



TUE 13, 7.45PM

FORBIDDEN PLANET U

Dir: Fred McLeod Wilcox US 1956 1hr 38mins

With: Walter Pidgeon, Anne Francis

When the crew of a spaceship lands on a planet, they become aware of a sinister invisible force that threatens to destroy them. Great special effects and a bizarre electronic score make this influential sci-fi as fresh and fun as it was when first released.

■ INTRODUCTION

Dr. Frazer Pearce will review the different methods used to detect planets around other stars.