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New Planetarium show is a thrill ride inside atoms

The Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater has added a new show to its weekend matinee lineup. Entitled “Molecularium: Riding Snowflakes,” this one-of-a-kind immersive full-dome, animated show takes audiences on a thrill ride into the exciting world of atoms and molecules.

“Riding Snowflakes” is a magical, musical adventure to inner space led by a lively cast of atomic characters - Oxy, a precocious young oxygen atom, and her hydrogen sidekicks Hydro and Hydra. They introduce audiences to the smallest forms of matter, including atoms, molecules and polymers. These engaging, animated characters travel in their Molecularium spaceship to visit the world of clouds, raindrops and earth where they learn about gases, liquids and solids.

The trio enters a snowflake and other familiar items where they see how atoms bond together to make all the materials in our universe. Along the way in their unforgettable adventure, they meet up with a lonely carbon atom seeking the materials of life. Their adventure ends with a ride on a polymer roller coaster and a trip through DNA.

Show time for “Molecularium: Riding Snowflakes” is Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Saturday matinee schedule now begins at 11 a.m. with the full-dome show “Secret of the Cardboard Rocket” at 11 a.m. “The Little Star That Could” follows at 12 p.m. “Zula Patrol: Under the Weather” is at 1 p.m. then “Molecularium” at 2 p.m. At the 3 p.m. it’s the full-dome show “We Are Astronomers.” The matinee ends with the large format film “BUGS! A Rainforest Adventure” at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, the matinee begins at 2 p.m. with “Molecularium” followed by “We Are Astronomers” at 3 p.m. and “BUGS!” at 4 p.m.

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NEW SHOW AT PLANETARIUM – Add One

The evening weekend show lineup includes “BUGS!” at 7 p.m. and “We Are Astronomers” at 8 p.m. Then the laser light shows featuring the music of Pink Floyd begin at 9 p.m. with “Through the Prism” followed by “The Wall” at 10 p.m. on Friday and “Dark Side of the Moon at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

The Mayborn Planetarium, located on the campus of Central Texas College in Killeen, offers a variety of entertainment and education shows including large format films, planetarium star shows and laser light shows complimented by a 15,000-watt sound system. With the recent million dollar digital upgrade, the Planetarium also offers shows with full-dome coverage capabilities across its 60-foot dome for a fully-immersive experience. Its new Uniview system allows for online geo-browsing and visualization abilities to tell stories about our home planet, its climate and the universe in ways not possible before. The Planetarium is available for group shows, birthday parties and private screenings. For show descriptions, upcoming weekday matinee schedule, directions to the Planetarium and more, log onto www.starsatnight.org.

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