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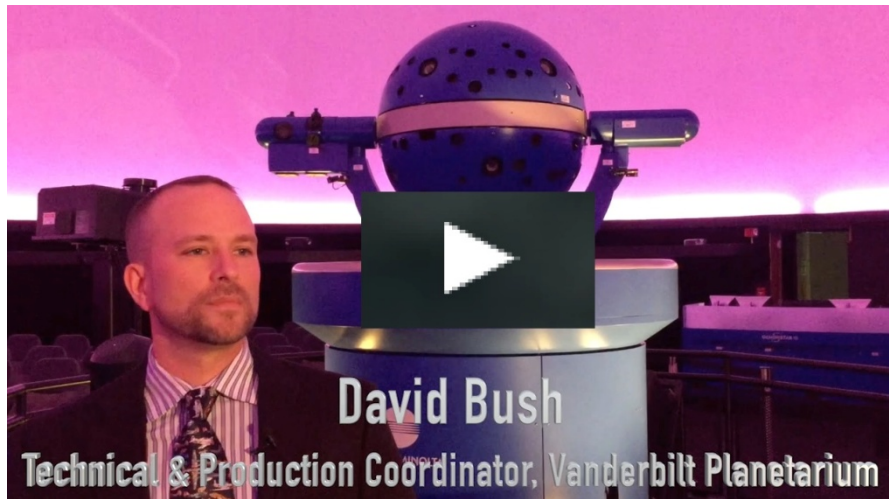
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Vanderbilt Reichert Planetarium Ready for Summer Visitors

Newest Show, Laser Beyoncé, Premieres June 30



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CENTERPORT, N.Y. (June 1, 2018) – Summer is a great time to enjoy spectacular, laser-light musical entertainment shows at the Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium at the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum.

The Planetarium is bringing back audience laser-show favorites like *Led Zeppelin* and *Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon*, and will premiere its newest show, *Laser Beyoncé*, on Saturday, June 30, at 7:00 p.m.

“Our educational and entertainment programs attract a diverse audience to one of the finest planetariums in the country,” said Lance Reinheimer, Director of the Vanderbilt Museum. “The Planetarium is part of the 43-acre Estate and Museum of the late William K. Vanderbilt II. In the past year, the Vanderbilt was a destination for more than 100,000 visitors, including guests from more than 30 countries.”

Dave Bush, technical and production coordinator for the Planetarium, said the programs at the Reichert Planetarium are intended for a variety of age groups.

“We present award-winning, world-renowned, full-dome productions, as well as live presentations with an astronomy educator that show off the amazing capabilities of our domed theater’s cutting-edge technology. The Reichert Planetarium boasts the highest level of laser programming available.”

Live presentations include *Long Island Skies* on Fridays at 8:00 p.m. and *Night Sky, Live!* on Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

The Planetarium also presents shows that feature jaw-dropping journeys to the outer reaches of the Solar System. The 60-foot domed theater features a Konica-Minolta star projector, full-dome video and surround-sound for an exciting, immersive audience experience.

Planetarium Show Schedule – June 26-September 2

Friday Nights

8:00 p.m. Long Island Skies
9:00 p.m. Black Holes
10:00 p.m. Laser Led Zeppelin

Saturday Nights

7:00p.m. Beyoncé
8:00 p.m. Night Sky, Live!
9:00 p.m. Black Holes
10:00 p.m. Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon

Tuesday – Sunday Afternoons

12:00 pm One World, One Sky
1:00 pm Earth, Moon, and Sun
2:00 pm SunStruck!
3:00 pm Stars
4:00 pm Dynamic Earth

MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM INFORMATION

(Museum administrative office hours: Monday through Friday, 10:00 to 4:00. Closed weekends and holidays. For information, call 631-854-5579.)

Hours - Museum and Mansion

Through June 24: Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday 12:00 to 4:00. Mansion tours are given at 12:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00. Last mansion tour begins at 4:00. *(The Museum and Mansion are closed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. (Planetarium open Friday & Saturday nights).*

Hours - Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium

Through June 24: Daytime shows Tuesday at 2:00; Friday and Saturday at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00. *(The Planetarium is closed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.)*

PLANETARIUM SCHEDULE – Spring 2018

April 3 – June 24

Tuesday Afternoons

2:00 – Stars: Powerhouse of the Universe

Saturday & Sunday Afternoons

12:00 – One World, One Sky
1:00 – Earth, Moon, and Sun
2:00 – Stars: Powerhouse of the Universe

3:00 – To Space and Back – *New Show!*
4:00 – Dynamic Earth: Exploring Earth’s Climate Engine

Friday Nights

8:00 – Long Island Skies
9:00 – Black Holes: Journey into the Unknown
10:00 – Laser Genesis – *New Laser Show!*

Saturday Nights

8:00 – Night Sky, Live!
9:00 – To Space and Back
10:00 – Laser Metallica – *New Show!*

Year-round viewing of the night sky (weather permitting), on Fridays, 9:00-10:00 p.m. Observation is free.

Museum Admission

General museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for students with ID and seniors (62 and older), and \$5 for children 12 and under. General admission includes estate-grounds access to the Marine Museum (closed temporarily for renovation), Memorial Wing natural-history and ethnographic-artifact galleries, Nursery Wing, Habitat Room, Egyptian mummy and Stoll Wing animal-habitat dioramas. For a mansion tour, add \$6 per ticket. (A video tour of the mansion is available on request.)

Mansion Tours

Guided tours of the Vanderbilt Mansion -- listed on the National Register of Historic Places -- are available Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00.

Planetarium Admission

During the day, visitors to the Planetarium pay general museum admission (\$7 for adults, \$6 for students with IDs and seniors 62 and older, and \$3 for children 12 and under), plus \$6 each for a Planetarium show. For evening Planetarium shows on Friday and Saturday, visitors pay \$10 for adults, \$9 for students with IDs and seniors 62 and older, and \$8 for children 12 and under.

Location and Website

The Vanderbilt Museum is located at 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport, NY. Directions and updated details on programs and events are available at www.vanderbiltmuseum.org. For information, call 631-854-5579.)

Images

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The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum

The Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum -- a unique combination of mansion, marine and natural history museum, planetarium and park -- is dedicated to the education and enjoyment of the people of Long Island and beyond. This mission is achieved through the thoughtful preservation, interpretation and enhancement of the Eagle's Nest estate as an informal educational facility. Many exhibition and program themes focus upon Long Island's Gold Coast Era. Programs also concentrate on William K. Vanderbilt II's desire that his marine, natural history and ethnographic collections promote appreciation and understanding of the marvelous diversity of life, other cultures, and scientific knowledge. Planetarium programming, more specifically, focuses on scientific knowledge and seeks to capture Mr. Vanderbilt's sense of adventure and exploration through state-of-the-art entertainment.