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## Anchorage Museum's Thomas Planetarium Journey to the Stars – Experience the Universe

In a new 530 square-foot planetarium, visitors will journey to the stars, taking trips through the solar system or join in The Imaginarium's presentations that explore the night sky. The Thomas Planetarium will present fascinating and enjoyable ways to learn about astronomy and space.

This multi-purpose space will be used for a wide variety of education programs and films featuring breathtaking images and immersing the audience in surround sound. Programming may include:

- exciting and innovative laser light shows combining laser images choreographed to music;
- educational and entertaining small format films;
- interactive science demonstrations; and
- creative and informative art, history and science offerings for multi-generational audiences.

### Other facts about the Planetarium:

- Opening: Spring 2010
- Features a state-of-the-art Digistar 3 projector manufactured by Evans & Sutherland Corporation, the world's first computer graphics company. Digistar 3 uses powerful graphics hardware and software to generate immersive images on the interior surface of a dome, integrating all-dome video, real-time 3D computer graphics, and a complete digital astronomy package.
- Cost: \$1.96 million
- Size: 180-degree, spherical perforated aluminum projection dome with a diameter of 24 feet
- Seating: Planetarium seats 48 and is accessible to people with disabilities
- Hours: Open during museum hours with occasional evening programming
- Admission Fees: To be determined
- Named for major campaign contributors Lowell and Tay Thomas



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