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**THE FRANKLIN'S NEXT BLOCKBUSTER!
TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR 'STAR WARS: WHERE SCIENCE MEETS IMAGINATION,'
OPENING AT THE FRANKLIN IN FEBRUARY 2008**

PHILADELPHIA, January 14, 2008 — Tickets for the Philadelphia debut of the “Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination” exhibition at The Franklin are now available for public purchase in preparation for the February 9 opening. The exhibit will be on display at The Franklin through May 4, 2008. Opening day activities on February 9 will include a dramatic display by Star Wars Stormtroopers, as well as a museum filled with costumed characters enacting light saber battles and other movie scenes, trivia contests and photo opportunities with some of your favorite characters from the movies.

Developed by Boston’s Museum of Science in collaboration with Lucasfilm Ltd., the 10,000 square-foot exhibit features over 100 *Star Wars* and real world artifacts and 21 innovative interactive exhibits that explore the fantasy technologies depicted in the *Star Wars* films, including Luke's original landspeeder from Episode IV alongside scale models of X- and Y-wing starfighters and TIE fighters. Visitors will also see an original Yoda puppet from the classic trilogy and Darth Vader's actual helmet from Episode III.

With support from the National Science Foundation (NSF), presented by Bose Corporation and locally sponsored by PECO, “*Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination*” is the first exhibition to showcase costumes and props from all six *Star Wars* films, while exploring cutting-edge research and modern technologies that could someday make the fantasy world of *Star Wars* a reality.

As an added feature, experience a full-size cockpit replica of Episode IV's *Millennium Falcon*!

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Take your seat in the *Millennium Falcon* exhibit, and you'll find yourself surrounded by a universe of sounds: beeping cockpit instruments, the roar of passing spaceships and comets, and the voices of your shipmates. Visitors watch a multimedia presentation featuring imagery from the Hubble space telescope that explores what we know about our own galaxy in a breathtaking journey to the edge of the Universe. Featuring a proprietary sound system from Bose Corporation, the recreated cockpit debuts the technologies of [3Space™ audio systems](#), providing visitors with a realistic three-dimensional audio experience.

TICKET INFORMATION

“*Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination*” ticket pricing at The Franklin follows:

Single Tickets

- Adults: \$20.50
- Seniors: \$16.50
- Children ages 4-11: \$15.50
- Members: \$3
- *Millennium Falcon* tickets: \$5 per person
- Special evening rates (Wednesday – Saturday) for adults: \$10.50 and for -Children/Seniors: \$9.50.

Tickets are timed and dated, with admission beginning at 9 a.m. daily. Last entry on Monday and Tuesday is 5:00pm, Wednesday through Saturday is 8:00pm, and Sunday is 7:00pm. Advance ticket purchase is strongly recommended. All pricing includes admission to *Star Wars* and Sci-Pass Admission to The Franklin. Information on tickets for groups of 15 or more is available by calling 800.285.0684 or at www.fi.edu. Special rates apply for tour operators. To plan a field trip or for more information on exhibits and programs connecting to school curricula call 800.285.0684. For more information on the exhibition or to reserve tickets, visit www.fi.edu or call 215.448.1200.

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