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VIEW THE NIGHT SKY FROM FRANKLIN INSTITUTE'S ROOFTOP OBSERVATORY *Come Early – Stay Late!*

Philadelphia, PA -- June 11 2007 – Attention all star gazers -- summer nights in the city have never looked so good! View the night sky from the best vantage point in town -- The Joel N. Bloom Observatory at The Franklin Institute. Watch the moon and stars rise above the Philadelphia skyline or try to find the newly discovered planet, Gliese 581-C, through state-of-the-art telescopes.....or just sit back and enjoy the panoramic view from the rooftop.

Share the excitement of seeing Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and beyond with friends and family (children welcome) **this Thursday evening, June 14th at 7:30 PM**. Then, mark your star calendars to return the *second Thursday of each month* throughout the summer.

Located on the roof of The Franklin Institute, the newly refurbished **Joel N. Bloom Observatory** is equipped with a giant 10" Zeiss Refractor telescope and four 8" Meade Reflectors. Chief Astronomer, **Derrick Pitts**, or another member of TFI's Astronomy team will be on hand from 7:30-11:00PM each of the following Thursday evenings below to help guide you through the galaxies. Admission is \$5.00.

- **June 14** - Jupiter, Ring Nebula in Lyra, and the double Star in Cygnus
- **July 12** - Jupiter, Double Star in Lyra, and the double star in the Big Dipper
- **August 9** - Jupiter, and the North American America in Cygnus
- **September 13** - Uranus, Andromeda galaxy, and the double cluster in Perseus

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