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**FINAL CHANCE TO SEE THREE EXTRAORDINARY EXHIBITS  
AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE!**  
***Galileo, Star Trek and RACE to close in early September***

**Philadelphia, PA, September 1, 2009** –Visitors still have time to see the world-exclusive exhibition “**Galileo, the Medici and the Age of Astronomy**” at The Franklin Institute, but not for long. This one-time only special exhibition, created exclusively for The Franklin Institute featuring one of only two remaining telescopes owned and built by Galileo, closes September 7. Presented by Officine Paneri, the exhibit has been on view since April. Also closing in September is “**RACE: Are We So Different?**” (September 7) and “**STAR TREK: The Exhibition**” (September 20). Tickets are still available for the final days of all three exhibits.

“RACE: Are We So Different?” a unique exhibit which encourages visitors of all ages to explore the science, history, and everyday impact of race and racism will also close its doors September 7. A project of the American Anthropological Association, *RACE* uses a powerful combination of interactive activities, artifacts and multimedia, to challenge our own definitions and misconceptions about race, while chronicling various experiences of racism in America. In order for all museum attendees to have access to this important exhibition, admission to *RACE* is included in regular museum admission. The national tour of “*RACE: Are We So Different?*” is presented by the Best Buy Children’s Foundation. PECO, Proud Corporate Partner of The Franklin Institute, is the Associate Sponsor for the exhibition.

The final day to see both “STAR TREK: The Exhibition” and *STAR TREK: The IMAX Experience* at The Franklin Institute is September 20. Produced by Premier Exhibitions, this iconic exhibit features the world’s most comprehensive collection of authentic *Star Trek* ships, costumes and props from over 40 years of *Star Trek*. To help close out the exhibit, a special encore presentation of the blockbuster hit movie “STAR TREK: *The IMAX Experience*” returns to the Tuttleman IMAX Theater on September 3, giving fans the opportunity to see both the Exhibition and movie one last time.

The Franklin Institute presents its newest exhibition, ***Gunther von Hagens’ BODY WORLDS 2&The Brain***, opening October 17 for a limited 18-week engagement. *BODY WORLDS* is the original and acclaimed exhibition of real human bodies that have been preserved through Plastination. This chapter, *The Brain*, features over 200 all-new authentic human specimens, never seen in Philadelphia – with a special focus on the power of the brain.

**About The Franklin Institute**

Located in the heart of Philadelphia, The Franklin Institute is a renowned and innovative leader in the field of science and technology learning, as well as a dynamic center of activity. Pennsylvania’s most visited museum, it is dedicated to creating a passion for science by offering new and exciting access to science and technology. For more information: [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu).

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