

## Hands-On Astronomy

Friday, March 18-Sunday, March 20, 2011 at the Ars Electronica Center

(Linz, March 17, 2011) Snap telescopic pictures of the night sky over Linz, view brand-new 16x9-meter astro-photos from Chile's Atacama Desert, get a sniff of the atmosphere on Jupiter and find out how much you weigh on the various planets of our Solar System—during the Central European Deepsky Imaging Conference (CEDIC) Friday, March 18 to Sunday, March 20, astronomy will be the star of the show at the Ars Electronica Center.

### Program Overview

Fascinating constellations displayed in the Center's Deep Space venue will kick off the big astronomy weekend at 7:30 PM on Friday. Visibility permitting, stargazers can then head outdoors to try they hands at astrophotography (under expert supervision). The shooting starts at 9 PM on the Ars Electronica Center's Maindeck. Don't forget to bring a digital camera!

On Saturday and Saturday at 11 AM and 3 PM each day, astrophotographer Dietmar Hager requests the honor of your presence in Deep Space, the launching pad of a 3D journey through the known universe. You'll also be able to marvel at the brand-new celestial photographs the Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society brought back from his recent visit to the European Southern Observatory in Chile.

From Friday to Sunday, visitors can breathe in the unforgettable fragrances of various gas planets, and step onto one of several planetary scales to find out how heavy they'd be on each of the planets in our Solar System. And as a special treat for youngsters, there are replicas of spaces suits to try on.

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