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Deep Space LIVE

Humankind amidst the Cosmos: Our Origins and Our Place in the Universe

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(Linz, May 3, 2010) We're all made of cosmic dust. Whether it's hydrogen, oxygen, carbon or the iron that carries oxygen through our bloodstream—every atom that makes up our bodies was once part of a star. And perhaps this knowledge of our extraterrestrial origins is one reason why the universe has exerted such a powerful fascination upon us since time immemorial. Why we want "to reach for the stars" and why our future has been eternally "written in the stars." Our 13.75-billion-year-old universe, this "entirety of all things," impresses our kind with its incredible beauty while simultaneously giving cause for more of less scientific speculations surrounding such exotic concepts as parallel universes, black holes and dark matter.

Deep Space LIVE with Dietmar Hager

Dietmar Hager is a micro-surgeon at Linz General Hospital and a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. For more than 20 years, he's been doing astrophotography and publishing his images in international journals as well as books and videos used for educational purposes. On May 6, 2010, he and the Ars Electronica Center are jointly hosting Deep Space LIVE, a search for traces of our origins and our place in the universe. Guests will embark on an impressive excursion through the visual realms of "uniview," a threedimensional visualization of the entire known universe. This journey is a telling of the eternal cosmic cycle in which every supernova going out in a blaze of stellar glory proceeds to become the midwife of a newborn star.

Deep Space LIVE

The Ars Electronica Center is now hosting a Deep Space LIVE event every Thursday (except holidays) at 8 PM. Each presentation will feature ultra-high-definition imagery in 16x9-meter format and will be accompanied by expert commentary, entertaining repartee by stand-up duos, and musical improvisation. Whether great works from the history of art, space travel, journeys of discovery in the Nanoworld, or a live concert is what you've come to behold, Deep Space LIVE stands for enlightening entertainment amidst breathtaking worlds of imagery. Admission is €2 (including an accompanying person). Holders of a valid Museum ticket are admitted free of charge.

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