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## **Moonwalking: History Center to Host Launch Party for Astronauts of All Ages**

***-The planetary party will feature Moon-inspired food, dancing, and five floors of family activities-***

**WHAT:** The Senator John Heinz History Center will host an out-of-this-world **Launch Party** on **Friday, Oct. 12** from **6-9 p.m.** to celebrate the opening of the new ***Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission*** exhibition, developed by the Smithsonian and presented in Pittsburgh by **UPMC**.

As part of the event, visitors can enjoy after-hours access to the Smithsonian's ***Destination Moon*** exhibit and experience the Command Module *Columbia*, a national treasure and the only portion of the historic space craft to safely return the crew of Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins back to Earth to complete the Apollo 11 mission.

The Launch Party will include space-themed activities for all ages throughout the museum's six floors. Partygoers can:

- Do their best M.J. impression and learn how to Moonwalk like a pro with lessons from Bodiography Dance Studio;
- Grab a Moon Pie, try a Moon-inspired drink sample from Wigle Whiskey (for guests 21-and-over), or drink like an astronaut at the TANG bar;
- Try a marinara-covered "Moon-ball" and other Italian fare courtesy of Ruvo's Restaurant;
- Create their own command module landing apparatus and float it to a safe landing from the History Center's second-floor balcony;
- Silkscreen space images in the style of Pittsburgh's own Andy Warhol with the Warhol Museum;
- Step into space in the Carnegie Science Center's mobile planetarium and watch a flyover of the International Space Station with telescopes on the History Center's fifth-floor Skydeck;
- Learn about the Chinese tradition of Moon watching during the Mid-Autumn Festival and try a traditional mooncake with students from Linden Magnet School;
- And much more!

All six floors of the museum will be open for guests to explore, including the interactive ***Discovery Place*** play area, where kids can collect Moon rocks and find out how far they could jump on the Moon, and ***Pittsburgh: A Tradition of Innovation***, where guests can see a replica 1960s living room decorated like an Apollo 11 launch party on July 20, 1969.

**TICKETS** Tickets for the **Destination Moon Launch Party** are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 17 and under. Purchase advance tickets online at [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events) or at the door on Oct. 12.

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 12  
6 - 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** Heinz History Center  
1212 Smallman St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

\*\*For more information, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org)\*\*



The History Center will host an out-of-this-world **Launch Party** on **Friday, Oct. 12** from **6-9 p.m.** to celebrate the opening of the new ***Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission*** exhibition, which features. The family-friendly exhibit features family-friendly interactives like a lunar lander video game and a replica Command Module (above) that visitors can climb into.



The ***Destination Moon*** exhibit takes visitors on an in-depth exploration of the Apollo 11 mission, when astronaut Neil Armstrong took “one small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind” before a worldwide television audience, becoming the first human to walk on the Moon.

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