

## Inspiration of Astronomical Phenomenon (Chicago)

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

Inspiration of Astronomical Phenomenon Conference

Proposal Deadline: December 31, 2004

Conference Dates: June 26 – July 1, 2005

Conference Location: Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, Chicago

Proposals are invited for conference presentations at the Fifth International Conference on the Inspiration of Astronomical Phenomenon (INSAP).

INSAP conferences explore the rich and diverse ways in which people of the past and present incorporate astronomical events into literary, visual, and performance arts. This emphasis distinguishes INSAP from other conferences that focus on archaeoastronomy, ethnoastronomy, or cultural astronomy. INSAP provides a mechanism for a broad sampling of artists, writers, musicians, historians, philosophers, scientists, and others to talk about the diversity of astronomical inspiration.

INSAP V will be based at the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum in Chicago from June 26 – July 1, 2005. Mornings and early afternoons are devoted to conference presentations. Afternoons and evenings will include field trips and artistic performances. Venues include the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Adler Planetarium.

Invited speakers at INSAP V include Barbara Stafford, Professor of Art History, University of Chicago; Jim Kaler, Professor Emeritus of Astronomy, University of Illinois; John Carswell, former curator of Islamic art at the Oriental Institute and Sotheby's; Donna Cox, Professor of Art and Design, University of Illinois; Mary Quinlan, Professor of Art History, Northern Illinois University; and Michael Shank, Professor of the History of Science, University of Wisconsin.

INSAP V is dedicated to the memory of one of its founders and strong supporters, Ray White, Jr.

Conference Presentations:

A complete proposal for a conference presentation includes a Presentation Proposal Cover Sheet; a 250-word Presentation Proposal Abstract; and a one-page CV. We especially invite presentations on the inspiration of art produced for public spaces, including planetaria. Proposals relating to North American arts and modern astronomy are also encouraged. Artists are encouraged to submit proposals for presentations or exhibitions within a planetarium theater or in one of the gallery spaces reserved for the conference (these proposals may include up to five image attachments). INSAP V offers several presentation formats: slides, Powerpoint, video, DVD, and two planetarium theaters (with Zeiss and Digistar/StarRider technologies). We will have a traditional poster presentation format as well as an electronic bulletin board for displays. The latter formats may be made accessible to general Adler Planetarium visitors. Notifications will be sent on February 28, 2005.

Forms and further information are available on the INSAP website:  
[www.adlerplanetarium.org/INSAPV](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/INSAPV)

Complete proposals (Cover Sheet, Abstract, CV) must be received by December 31, 2004. Emailed proposals are preferred. Proposals and questions should be sent to [INSAPV@adernet.org](mailto:INSAPV@adernet.org) or:

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