



SCULPTURES BY NED KAHN
— **New winner of MacArthur “Genius” Award** —
ON DISPLAY AT CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER
Kahn’s ‘Planetary Landscapes’ on Permanent Exhibit

OAKLAND, CA (October 6, 2003) — **Chabot Space & Science Center** in Oakland is pleased to feature a major permanent exhibit by renowned Bay Area sculptor Ned Kahn, who was announced this past weekend as the recipient of a prestigious “genius” award from the MacArthur Foundation. Ned Kahn’s installation at Chabot, titled *Planetary Landscapes: Sculpting the Solar System*, features fourteen interactive sculptures that suggest natural processes that form the landscapes of our Solar System, such as swirling atmospheres, bubbling calderas, and a sea of clouds.

“I am particularly happy,” said Cynthia Ashley, Project Manager at Chabot, “because my experience of Ned Kahn is that he is extremely generous, understated, and committed to making his art available to the public. The award will allow him to continue developing and disseminating his stunning and ingenious artwork.”

Kahn’s interactive sculptures invite visitors to explore the dynamic forces that shape our Solar System—such as turbulence, flow, wind, and the drive toward equilibrium—as they pass their hands through a cauldron of billowing, moist fog; create a network of Martian streams in fine powder; cascade thousands of tiny steel balls across a large shallow disk, generating electrical charges that organize the balls into dazzling waves and other intricate patterns; and activate a vortex encased in a clear cylinder that sweeps up fine particles of sand to form a twirling dust devil.

A unique blend of art and science, *Planetary Landscapes: Sculpting the Solar System* was developed by Chabot Space & Science Center with support from the National Science Foundation, and was inaugurated in 2001 with the opening of the new Chabot Space & Science Center.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Chabot Space & Science Center is located at 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland Hills. Chabot’s public hours are: Fridays, 5 pm–10 pm; Saturdays, 10 am–10 pm; Sundays 12 noon–5 pm. Telescope viewing on Fridays and Saturdays from dusk–10 pm, weather permitting. General Admission is \$11 Adults / \$8 Youth and Seniors. MegaDome Theatre shows are \$6. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling (510) 336-7373. Group visits must be scheduled in advance, and are available Wednesdays through Sundays.

For more information, call (510) 336-7300, or visit www.chabotspace.org