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CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER PRESENTS NEW EXHIBITION EXPLORING OUR DYNAMIC AND EXPANDING PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE

GOING THE DISTANCE: OUR REACH INTO SPACE OPENS OCTOBER 6

Oakland, CA, September 12, 2018 – Chabot Space & Science Center presents a new exhibition, **Going the Distance: Our Reach Into Space**, opening **Saturday, October 6**, in the Clorox Exhibit Hall on Center’s 2nd level. Curated by Chabot staff with inspiration and expertise from NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), NASA Ames Research Center, SpaceX, Planet and SatNOGS from Libre Space Foundation, **the exhibition explores how humans are expanding our boundaries by moving farther into the Universe than ever before. The exhibition will frame large questions: why we go, how we get there, what we do there, and why this impacts us as humans.** Highlights of the exhibition include an interactive mission control area, Mars rover driving challenge, a hands-on engineering/building area and more. The exhibition is included in regular admission to the Center. For more information, visit Chabot’s new website at www.chabotspace.org.

“Space is a lot closer than you think,” says Chabot Executive Director Adam Tobin. “We are in the midst of an extraordinary renaissance of space exploration. Each and every day, our rapidly expanding reach into space brings exciting discoveries that deepen our understanding, inspire us with endless possibilities, and push the boundaries of our imagination. We are forever changing our understanding of our place in the cosmos.

“Our mission at Chabot is to inspire our youth about the wonders of our universe. This brand-new exhibition is a big step forward as we hopefully demonstrate the promise and opportunity for all of us – and I do mean all of us, from every background – to take part in this great adventure. My hope is that any kid who visits this exhibition will dare to dream of one day going to the stars. Because it’s entirely possible, no matter where that kid comes from, that he or she will do just that.”

The new exhibit features plenty of opportunities for visitors to learn about current space exploration, careers and even design their own landers to test in different environments.

About Chabot Space & Science Center

Founded as an observatory in 1883, Chabot Space & Science Center is a non-profit institution and community resource in Oakland. Chabot features a 241-seat full dome planetarium, interactive and

hands-on exhibits, space artifacts, a giant screen theater, a Challenger Learning Center, and the only research-level telescopes regularly available to the public for weekly live viewing in the Western United States.

Chabot's mission is to inspire and educate learners of all ages about the Universe and Planet Earth.

Chabot Space & Science Center is open Wed.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm with \$5 First Fridays the first Friday of every month 5-9 pm. Admission is Adults: \$18 • children 3-12 \$14 (under 3 free) • Students/Seniors \$15 • Memberships available.

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