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Thirsty for Science? **Franklin @ Night** Presents Jazz in the Planetarium and Let's Talk About Sex Plus! Science After Hours: Roaring 20s

All-New Programs Debuting in 2020 to Enhance the Existing Suite of
Adult-Minded Events at The Franklin Institute

Philadelphia, PA January 9, 2020—**Franklin @ Night**, the Institute's new evolving suite of adult-focused after-hours events, debuts in 2020 with two new events designed to enhance an already well-established lineup of successful adult programming that includes Science after Hours, Speaker Series, and Night Skies in the Observatory.

New for 2020, **Jazz in the Planetarium** showcases the smooth synergy of science + music through live jazz ensemble performances in the Fels Planetarium against the backdrop of the Institute's popular *Sky Tonight* show narrated by Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts, with cocktails available for purchase.

Inspired by the ever-popular Science After Hours series comes the debut of a boutique-style event encouraging deeper, more intimate scientific explorations on a topic of choice, in an after-hours setting complete with related hands-on activities, flash talks, exhibit access, and cash bar—launching in February with **Let's Talk About Sex**.

Recurring favorites include **Science After Hours**, premiering January 23 with Roaring 20s—one of the most successful themes of the hallmark after-hours event; **Night Skies in the Observatory**, premier rooftop stargazing with Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts; and the free **Speaker Series** designed to spotlight the most talked about and most highly-debated scientific issues facing our world today.

Over the last five years, the Institute has been on a quest to reach a newer broader audience by presenting relevant science and tech in an engaging, accessible, and social way. President and CEO of The Franklin Institute Larry Dubinski shares, "We want adults in the Philadelphia area to think of The Franklin Institute as *the* place to go to quench their scientific curiosity in an easily understood and highly engaging way."

The Franklin Institute debuts the first round of **Franklin @ Night** programming January-March 2020, with more to follow.

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Science After Hours: Roaring 20s

Thursday, January 23 | Tickets include one free drink + new VIP Ticket offering

Revisit the roaring 20s at the throwback soiree of the season. Franklin @ Night debuts with the ever-popular *Science After Hours*, the highly curated mega event for adults 21+. Dress in your finest 1920s-inspired fashions, sample spirits from local distilleries, explore tech advances of the time, and experience our core exhibits with a beer or glass of wine in hand.

Plus! Cheers to science—*your first drink is on us during Roaring 20s.*

Roaring 20s Includes one drink ticket and a new \$45 VIP Ticket offering, which includes an additional free drink plus access to a private lounge with exclusive demonstrations—some featuring Nate Weigert of *The Drinkist*.

Let's Talk About Sex

Thursday, February 13

Inspired by popular *Science After Hours* series comes the debut of a boutique Franklin @ Night event encouraging deeper, more intimate scientific explorations. This month, dive into the complex factors of sex, love, gender, and attraction. Explore demos, live performances, and flash talks, plus exhibits including Giant Heart, Electricity, and Your Brain—all in an exclusive after-hours setting with a cash bar. **Tickets \$20 per person; \$15 for members.**

Jazz in the Planetarium

Tuesday, February 25

A premier evening event featuring live jazz performances under the stars of the Fels Planetarium, cocktails optional. Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts narrates the popular *Sky Tonight* show, against the backdrop of a soulful jazz arrangement in this brand new Franklin @ Night event. This month, Arpeggio Jazz Ensemble is our featured jazz band. Cash bar. **Tickets \$20 per person; \$15 for members.**

Speaker Series: Emerging Therapies in a New Era of Care

Tuesday, March 3

Philadelphia has long been a world leader in the development of innovative drug treatments and breakthroughs in gene therapy. How do we weigh risks and rewards in going from bench to bedside? In the first Franklin @ Night speaker event of 2020, Franklin Institute Chief Bioscientist Dr. Jayatri Das and Penn Medicine Bioethicist Dr. Steven Joffe delve into the controversies surrounding emerging therapies. **Free with advance registration.**

Night Skies in the Observatory

Tuesday, March 31

Experience one of the best views in the city! Stargaze on the rooftop observatory while learning about galaxies, planets, and stars from Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts. Design the rest of your cosmic evening from a selection of planetarium shows, live presentations, and hands-on astronomy activities in this popular Franklin @ Night stargazing event. Cash bar. **Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 for members.**

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Located in the heart of Philadelphia, The Franklin Institute is a renowned and innovative leader in the field of science and technology learning, as well as a dynamic center of activity. As Pennsylvania's most visited museum, it is dedicated to creating a passion for learning about science by offering access to hands-on science education. For more information, visit www.fi.edu.