PHILADELPHIA March 10, 2022—The Franklin Institute unveils the 2022 season of Science After Hours on Friday, April 1, with Spectacular Spectacular, an evening inspired by the legendary Moulin Rouge cabaret, with big top acts and a dazzling taste of Philly flavor.

Attendees are invited to dress in their fanciest flair and dive right into the spectacular spectacle. The Franklin Institute tapped local Philadelphia Argentine Tango School for dance lessons and show-stopping performances and the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts for aerial acrobatics, tightwire, and plate-spinning alongside performances by 10-piece brass band SNACKTIME Philly, plus a prize-filled Bingo hosted by showman and bandleader of the power funk group Johnny Showcase & The Mystic Ticket Johnny Showcase, with special guests: Rumi Kitchen and Rose Luardo.

The Sights and Sounds Science Revue delivers a revolving cabaret-style science demo extravaganza while the Planetarium turned Starlight Lounge resonates with the jazzy, soulful, and often funky soundtrack of local nostalgia king Skeme Richards.

In this new and refreshed Science After Hours event series, adults will experience even more live performances in an immersive nightlife scene, with reimagined pop-up programming and cocktails via cash bar as they explore the iconic museum, including rooftop stargazing.

Science After Hours takes place quarterly in April, June, October, and December, from 8 pm - 11 pm. Details and themes are below. Tickets are $40 in advance; $45 at the door. Member tickets are $35. The event is for adults 21+ only.

Tickets for Science After Hours: Spectacular Spectacular are now on sale at www.fi.edu.

2022 Science After Hours

Friday, April 1, 8pm-11pm
Science After Hours: Spectacular Spectacular
Inspired by the alluring nightlife of the late-night cabaret scene and big top acts, but with a Philly funk flavor and a few surprises.
Friday, June 24, 8pm-11pm
Science After Hours: Summer Ball
Be loud and proud as we celebrate Pride Month with a party for the senses.

Friday, October 28, 8pm-11pm
Science After Hours: Fright @ Night
A dash of mischief and splash of intrigue in this eerie night of tricks and treats.

Friday, December 9, 8pm-11pm
Science After Hours: Flannel & Frost
Cozy vibes and good company in a holiday gathering will keep the lights bright and the spirits high.

Note to Editors: Images are available for download here.

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