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## **Thronateeska Heritage Center Brings Back Holiday Magic to the Wetherbee Planetarium with the Return of *Season of Light*.**

**Albany, GA** – A holiday tradition has returned in high definition! The Thronateeska Heritage Center presents *Season of Light*, a holiday full-dome HD digital presentation narrated by National Public Radio's Noah Adams. *Season of Light* will be featured beginning November 27<sup>th</sup> in the Wetherbee Planetarium along with Don Fisher's Santa Collection in the History Museum.

*Season of Light* traces the history and development of many of the world's most endearing holiday customs, all of which involve lighting up the winter season — from the burning Yule log, festive Christmas tree lights and sparkling candles in windows, to the lighting of luminarias and setting off fireworks in the American Southwest and the traditional ritual lighting of the Hanukkah Menorah.

Naturally, there is some astronomy in *Season of Light*. Audiences learn a selection of Northern hemisphere winter constellations, and find out why we even have seasons, as we demonstrate the Sun's path across the sky throughout the year, and the Earth's tilt and orbit around the Sun.

The Santa exhibition features Don Fisher's collection of over 3,000 figurines, sculptures, paintings and crafted forms of Kris Kringle. These Santa's, from around the world, will bring cheer to young and old alike. This fifth annual area favorite will be on display until January 2, 2010.

Thronateeska's History and Science Museums are open to the public Thursday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Wetherbee Planetarium show times are 10:30, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00. Admission to the History and Science Museums is free. Planetarium admission is \$3.50 per person per show. Thronateeska members are admitted at no charge.

Thronateeska Heritage Center will be closed November 26<sup>th</sup>, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Beginning December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thronateeska will be open Monday through Saturday, except for holidays. December 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thronateeska's Museums and Planetarium will be open extended hours 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. with *Season of Light* special showings at 4:00, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30.

Special tour and school groups can contact the program department for availability of additional times, programs and rates.

*Thronateeska Heritage Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization whose mission is to inspire wonder and stimulate exploration of science and South Georgia's history by providing a dynamic learning experience through an interactive science center and museum. Facilities include the History Museum, Science Museum and Wetherbee Planetarium. Admission is free to the History and Science Museums. Planetarium show tickets are \$3.50 per person. Annual memberships are available. For more information and group tour reservations contact the Thronateeska Heritage Center office at (229) 432-6955.*