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Dream big with Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson

By Marie LeBlanc on March 10, 2014

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Dream big, look up high in the sky in awe and wonder and you will see that the sky is NOT the limit.

University of Manitoba's [Student Life](#) in partnership with the [Graduate Student's Association](#) are presenting the Leadership Speaker Series featuring the Knight Distinguished Visitor, world-renowned astrophysicist [Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson](#).

This unique event, being held at the University of Manitoba, is called Dream Big and runs from March 10 to 13, featuring a [week of fun and educational cosmic events](#) that are free to the public.

In what will be his first lecture at a Canadian university, Dr. deGrasse Tyson will give a presentation entitled, "The Sky Is Not The Limit" followed by a question and answer session. The free lecture that explores a world of beauty and potential, will be held at the [Investors Group Athletic Centre](#), March 13, 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm. Those interested in attending may want to come early as it is rush seating.

As a young boy from the Bronx, Tyson looked to the sky with the belief there are so many questions that need to be answered. He dreamed so big that he has become one of the most famous scientists of the modern day, encouraging his audiences to think about what our universe has to offer and what is out there. In other words, look up and see your future.

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On the bandwagon: a sign of the times at a local donut shop. No word yet on official bagels or perogies. PHOTO by Greg Petzold

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In a documentary television series produced by Seth MacFarlane, [Tyson explains why the cosmos matters](#) as he hosts *Cosmos A Spacetime Odyssey*, that first aired March 9 on FOX. This all-new, updated 13-episode version of Carl Sagan's *Cosmos — A Personal Voyage*, is captivating viewers, causing them to think about the vast universe and what it has to offer.

National Geographic will play the episodes on Monday nights. The re-booted series allows viewers to see the world as never before, and why science matters to all of us. Indeed, there is so much to explore in all ways.



While many have stopped dreaming with wonder and awe, Tyson offers the chance for anyone to question and to look in amazement as most of us all once did as children peering out at the stars. *Cosmos A Spacetime Odyssey* will affect you intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

In Tyson's endeavours to educate and entertain, learning becomes self-motivating. His wonderment of the universe combined with his pioneer spirit in science literacy, reveals his new way of looking at the beauty of the universe and the vast potential there is for discovery.

With there being so much about the universe we do not know, Tyson has become one of the most eloquent scientists of our time because he questions everything. If we did not question anything where would we be? NASA may never have been created. Tyson expresses the need to raise more funds for NASA to explore and search for answers that would help humanity understand the meaning of existence in the universe — the universe within us, and the universe beyond us, that are both made up of the same parts.

As an astrophysicist with the [American Museum of Natural History](#) and the [Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium](#), Tyson realizes the place of our humanity in the universe. He has an asteroid named after him and was voted the [Sexiest Astrophysicist Alive by People Magazine in 2000](#). This and other tidbits of information on [The Planetary Society site](#) also shows [Tyson's many accomplishments and contributions he has made to society](#).

Tyson's Twitter comments on the Oscar Award Winning film *Gravity* on the mysteries and inaccuracies of the film caused quite a stir. He said he was trying to communicate [the differences between the film's portrayal of space and what are the real facts we know about space](#). Nevertheless, he said he enjoyed the film immensely.



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Jonathan Toews helps Winnipeg kids eat like champs

By Kerry Ryan on July 9, 2015

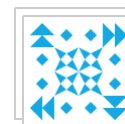
NHL star Jonathan Toews helped announce \$116,000 in grants from Nourishing Potential, the fund he supports as a donor and ambassador.

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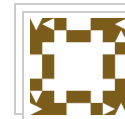
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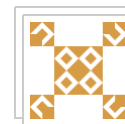
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Hosting his own [radio show](#) with fun and enthusiasm, Tyson is known as the coolest scientist alive. [This video](#) goes a long way to supporting this claim.

"For me, I am driven by two main philosophies: know more today about the world than I knew yesterday and lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you," says Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson.

As for the event at the University of Manitoba called *Dream Big*, many aspects of the cosmos are explored each day with events going all day from Monday, March 10 to Thursday, March 13, 9:00 to 4:30 pm. Tyson is the last speaker on March 13th.



[Dream Big event schedule at a glance](#)

Monday: Orbital Debris: Potential Hazard and Mitigation Strategies; "Vomit Comet: Hands on Experiments for Parabolic Flight"

Tuesday: UFO Phenomena in Canada; The Astounding Universe of String Theory; UMSU movie night – *Thor: The Dark World*. (evening)

Wednesday: Tracing our Origins Through Cosmic Explosions; Human Settlement on Mars: Mars 1 Mission; Canadian Space Society Fair; Careers In Space; Networking Event

Thursday: The Sky Is Not The Limit (Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson) Other events can be found on the [Dream Big webpage](#).

If you think no dream is too big, you may want to take the opportunity to check out these events this week and see what is going on in *your world*.

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About Marie LeBlanc

Marie is an artist, poet, photographer, with a background in alternative health and Bachelor of Arts in Human Geography and Sociology (Advanced Major). She advocates and has been active in many committees to create awareness for people with various disabilities. She was awarded the Mental Health Volunteer Hero of the year in 2012 and has helped coordinate mental health walks. Marie believes creative expression through art and entertainment is healing for your body, mind and soul. She is extremely inventive, creative and resourceful. Other Interests include the

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