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**WORLD SPACE WEEK 2023**

**United States**

**NATIONAL REPORT**

**1. General Information**

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**2. World Space Week 2023 (Your Country) Overview**

**Total Number of Events Conducted: 26**

**Nature of Events**

Convention, summit, school events, solar eclipse community gatherings, field trips, expo, community enrichment programs, park dedication, library Q&A with an Astronomer, public outreach, space-inspired school week, workshops, organ concert, networking event, space ethics discussion, MaxIQ Space Awards, art contest launch, advocacy series.

**Summary of Events:**

**3. Highlighted Events and Stories**

**1. Event Details**

**Event Name:** Space City Soundscapes: An Organ Concert of Cosmic Proportions

**Description:** St. Luke’s Organist & Artist-in-Residence, Jim Roman, presents a concert of music inspired by outer space. Selections will include music from movies like 2001: A Space Odyessy, Arrival, Interstellar and Star Wars in addition to original organ music such as James Whitbourn’s ‘Apollo’, a work commissioned by the performer in 2019 that tells the story of NASA’s Apollo 8 space flight through music.

**Location:** St. Luke’s United Methodist Church (3471 Westheimer Road, Houston, TX 77027)

**Date and Time:** Tuesday, October 10,2023 | 7pm

**Nature of Event:** Concert

**Number of Participants:** Approx. 100

**Notable Stories:**

**Links to Event Coverage:**

**Event age:**[**https://rock.stlukesmethodist.org/event-details?EventOccurrenceId=1834**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frock.stlukesmethodist.org%2Fevent-details%3FEventOccurrenceId%3D1834&data=05%7C01%7Cenormandy%40spacefoundation.org%7C0613eff91b444e8ed8a908dbdbb29c33%7C04ab359f43924d7f9452e59d275085d0%7C0%7C0%7C638345332420084198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0tIDYZv4wuOa9DKngitFOmtt1H3UWAGQi%2FZvDDUwSv0%3D&reserved=0)

**Event recording (excerpt):**[**Interstellar Suite**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DWeuIXBDJYnk&data=05%7C01%7Cenormandy%40spacefoundation.org%7C0613eff91b444e8ed8a908dbdbb29c33%7C04ab359f43924d7f9452e59d275085d0%7C0%7C0%7C638345332420084198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sdrh%2BYB2ZEV6ok7ln6b%2Fr979xEDlJ33ztbM2krSOczU%3D&reserved=0)

**Photos:** [**Dropbox Photos**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fscl%2Ffo%2Fs7x729gin1j0i649l61yc%2Fh%3Frlkey%3Djrw3u29xgf1ow4wvekmxk706m%26dl%3D0&data=05%7C01%7Cenormandy%40spacefoundation.org%7C0613eff91b444e8ed8a908dbdbb29c33%7C04ab359f43924d7f9452e59d275085d0%7C0%7C0%7C638345332420084198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mjLUxt%2FovtIlTFgngGREsRxMK5k%2BPe1tXkYR%2B5IQJxA%3D&reserved=0)

**2. Event Details**

**Event Name:** Lights Out: Experiencing A Solar Eclipse

**Description:** Space Foundation Discovery Center is hosted a day to celebrate the Annular Eclipse of 2023!

We observed the October 2023 Annular Eclipse. Families will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses to take home, in addition to receiving resources to prepare for the April 2024 Total Solar Eclipse.

We had The Chamber Orchestra of Colorado Springs, the region’s foremost chamber music ensemble played for us. The Colorado Springs Astronomical Society (CSASTRO) also joined us with their solar telescopes.

We had workshops, guests speakers, activities, and a great sense of community excited about space.

**Location:** 4425 Arrowswest Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 USA

**Date and Time:** October 14,2023 | 9:00am-4:00pm MDT

**Nature of Event:** Community

**Number of Participants:** Approx. 630

**Links to Event Coverage:**

[**https://gazette.com/multimedia/photos-partial-solar-eclipse-visible-at-space-foundation-discovery-center/collection\_61595bec-6acf-11ee-b7c0-0b3792254959.html#3**](https://gazette.com/multimedia/photos-partial-solar-eclipse-visible-at-space-foundation-discovery-center/collection_61595bec-6acf-11ee-b7c0-0b3792254959.html#3)

**Photos:** [**https://www.flickr.com/photos/space\_foundation/albums/72177720312318820**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/space_foundation/albums/72177720312318820)

**4. Media and Social Media Engagement (if available)**

**Social Media Impressions**

(For Space Foundation)

14 Posts

Over 10,000 Impressions

Over 3,600 Users Reached

LinkedIn was our most engaged audience

**Media / News Coverage:**

NA

**5. Additional Efforts (if available)**

**1. Press Releases:**

(For Space Foundation)

Space Foundation distributed the World Space Week press release at 7 a.m. MST on Sept.19, 2023 via Meltwater.   
  
The press release was sent to 331 contacts, including Local CO (130) and National (265). The open rate was 23.26 percent with 70 opened, 231 unopened and 7 bounced.  
  
Some of the more notable opens were from Associated Press, USAToday, Space News, Forbes, Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, CNN, CNBC, Fast Company, and NasaSpaceFlight.