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“STAR LIGHTS” OFFERS WINE & BEER TASTINGS AND SPECTACULAR VIEWS FROM MUSEUM ROOFTOP July 23 event features 23 vendors and expert talks

BUFFALO, NY (July 12, 2011) – The Buffalo Museum of Science will hold its 7th annual **Star Lights** event on Saturday, July 23 from 8:00 to 11:00pm, rain or shine, at the museum (1020 Humboldt Pkwy., Buffalo).

Star Lights offers guests 21 and over spectacular city views from the museum’s rooftop (weather permitting). **The Buffalo Astronomical Association** will assist guests as they view Buffalo’s summer sky through telescopes and the naked eye. Four DJs will perform on two different floors of the museum, including Perceptor and Mark Kloud in Hamlin Hall, along DJ Soma’s Space Time Trip and Oracle of Dharma Lab in Our Place in Space. Also, Buffalo’s own chocolatier, **Brian Donaghy**, of The Criollo Group will present, *“Chocolate: food of the gods – How this confection gets from the rain forest to your local shop.”* Donaghy recently won an episode of Food Network Challenge on The Food Network.



The following vendors will sample wine, beer and food at the event:

Awald Farms
Baldwin Hill Farms
Brewery Ommegang
Certo Brothers Distributing
D’Avolio Olive Oils and Vinegars
Dundee
EM Chrusciki Bakery
Freedom Run Winery

Gates Circle Liquor & Wine
Glenora Wine Cellars
Global Wine & Spirits
Knapp Winery
Magic Hat
Merritt Estate Winery
Niagara Landing Wine Cellars
Oh Pour L’amour Du Chocolat

Risa’s Restaurant & Catering
R&R BBQ Truck
Saranac
Try-It Distributing
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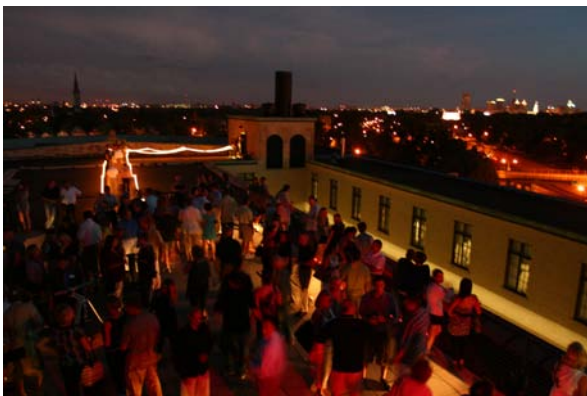
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A view from the museum rooftop at Star Lights in 2010

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online at www.sciencebuff.org or at the museum’s admission desk during business hours (Sat.-Thurs. 10am-4pm, Fri. 10am-7pm). Members get \$5 off with valid member I.D. number. If the event sells out, tickets will not be available at the door.

Admission includes 10 drink tickets good for one 2-ounce wine or 3-ounce beer sample each. Additional drink tickets may be purchased starting at 9pm. The entry fee also includes a commemorative wine glass and access to the museum’s permanent exhibits and galleries. For an extra \$2, guests can visit the museum’s current travelling exhibit, **Leonardo da Vinci: Machines in Motion**, featuring 40 full-scale machines that have been beautifully recreated based on the ultimate Renaissance man’s visionary designs.

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Star Lights has attracted over 4,000 guests since its start in 2005 and is one of the museum's largest fundraising events.

The Buffalo Museum of Science is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 700,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year.



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