

Space Museum Launches new sky show “Norman the Snowman – On a Night of Shooting Stars” (with photos)

The Hong Kong Space Museum's new sky show, "Norman the Snowman – On a Night of Shooting Stars", will be launched tomorrow (November 1). Using stop motion animation and adorable puppets, the show takes audiences on a virtual journey to the stars under the dome of the Space Museum.

In the small hours of November 13, 1833, a huge number of shooting stars, also known as meteors, were witnessed in North America. As many as 20 shooting stars per second were said to have appeared, to the astonishment of the people who saw them, and it is still regarded today as the largest meteor shower in modern history. Unfortunately, photography had not been formally invented back then so the accuracy of the records of that meteor shower cannot be assured.

In the show, a boy who is fascinated by meteors longs to see a meteor shower, and his friend Norman the snowman tells him one will occur the following night. However, it has been snowing in town and the chance of seeing meteors is slim. Leaving the thick cloud cover and the ridicule of others behind, the boy decides to go on a quest with his snowman friend Norman in search of somewhere with clear skies. But who and what will they run into on the way?

The 32-minute show, of which the first five minutes is an introduction to the Chinese skies, will be screened until April 29 next year at the museum's Stanley Ho Space Theatre. It will be screened daily at 3.50pm and 7.20pm. An additional show at 12.20pm will be available on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

Tickets priced at \$24 (front stalls) and \$32 (stalls) are available at the Hong Kong Space Museum Box Office and URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). The museum is closed on Tuesdays (except public holidays).

The Hong Kong Space Museum is located at 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. For further information, please call 2721 0226 or visit the website at hk.space.museum.

