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**Museum of Science & Industry – MOSI JOINS NASA IN NATIONWIDE  
CELEBRATION OF WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE FIRST SCIENCE IMAGES**

Tampa — Museum of Science & Industry – MOSI has joined hundreds of sites across the country to celebrate the release of the first science images from the James Webb Space Telescope, NASA’s next great space science observatory. MOSI will offer a range of public programs to bring the excitement of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) to the Tampa Bay Community.

“We are thrilled that MOSI is an official host site for NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope community events celebrating Webb’s first stunning images,” said John Graydon Smith, CEO & President of MOSI. “We have partnered with Night Sky Network to help our community celebrate this amazing feat of science and engineering. People of all ages and backgrounds will find inspiration in Webb’s new view of the cosmos, which will fundamentally change our understanding of the universe for this generation and many to come.”

Webb is the largest and most complex space science telescope ever built – the premier observatory of the next decade. This international mission, led by NASA in partnership with the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency, launched Dec. 25, 2021. After unfolding in space into its final form, Webb successfully arrived at its destination nearly 1 million miles from Earth and began preparing for science operations.

The observatory, which is designed to see the universe in the infrared, will push the field of astronomy into a new era. Webb will be able to study light from distant parts of the universe for the very first time – the first galaxies that formed over 13.5 billion years ago – and give us insight into how our universe formed. It will also peer into dusty stellar nurseries to explore distant worlds orbiting other stars, as well as observe objects in our own solar system. Webb will extend the scientific discoveries of other NASA missions like the Hubble Space Telescope, Chandra X-ray Observatory, and Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite.

Join us at MOSI on July 16, 2022 as we view the first images from Webb and learn all about the science behind Webb Telescope and its first images. There will be hands-on astronomy activities for all ages! For ticket information, visit [www.mosi.org](http://www.mosi.org) or contact 813-987-6000.

Museum of Science & Industry is located at 4801 E. Fowler Ave. Tampa, FL. 33617. Our community event will be open to the public July 16, 2022 from 10:00am to 5:00pm.