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**FREAKY FRIGGATRISKA-WHAT?  
Cast Aside Superstitions on Friday the 13th**

WEST HARTFORD, February 3, 2009 – Come to The Children’s Museum to debunk superstitions and celebrate Galileo’s birthday during a program called **Freaky Friggatriskaidekaphobia on Friday February 13, 2009** from **7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. Astronomy fun, crafts, and telescope viewing for kids and their families are also part of this special evening.

Friday the 13th is the perfect day to learn about sky superstitions and how astronomers have proved them wrong. It is also well-timed with the 445th birthday of Galileo this week. Galileo built one of the first telescopes, discovered that Jupiter has moons and Saturn has rings, and disproved sky myths that were popular in his time.

“Without Galileo, we might have continued to think that the Earth was the center of the Universe,” said Kristie Mazzoni, Director of the Museum’s Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium.

This event is open to the public and appropriate for all ages. Admission to the event is \$8 per person for members of The Children’s Museum and \$10 per person for non-members. Register by email at [Events@TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](mailto:Events@TheChildrensMuseumCT.org) or by telephone at 860.231.2830 x44.

The Children’s Museum offers hands-on science exhibits, live animals, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. With over 210,000 visitors annually, it is one of Connecticut’s top museum attractions. The Children’s Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford. More information is available at [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org).

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