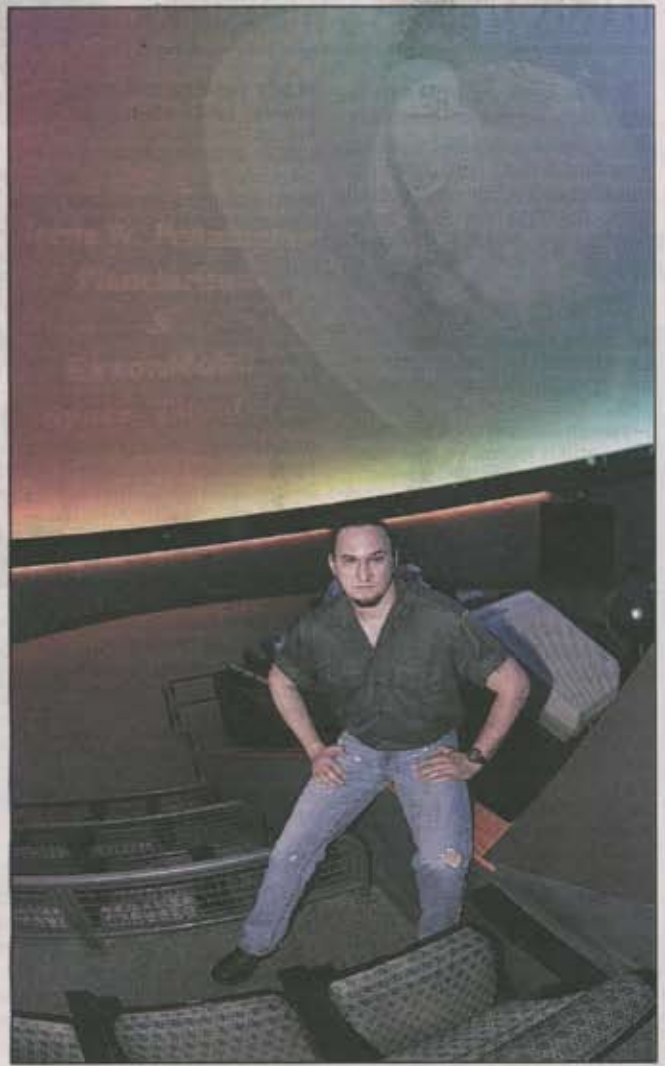


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Jay Lamm is the projectionist for the Irene Pennington Planetarium, and also composed the music for the sky show *Digital Universe*, one of many shows featured this weekend.

LASM EVENTS

Louisiana Art & Science Museum has a full schedule of events this spring, beginning with a Star Party on the levee Saturday, March 7, at 7 p.m.

Several telescopes will be set up on the riverfront landing dock on the levee next to LASM. Visitors can observe the moon, Venus, star clusters and other objects. Bring the family for this free nighttime outing.

A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe presentation will take visitors on a stunning tour of the universe on Friday, March 13, at 7 p.m. The tour includes up-close encounters with planets, the Milky Way galaxy and other astronomy sites.

On Friday, April 3, at 7 p.m.,

enjoy a lecture titled "In the Footsteps of Galileo," presented by planetarium director Jon Elvert. Learn about who Galileo was, the times he lived in, what science was like then, and the impact he had on scientific discovery, religion and philosophy.

National Astronomy Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. The planetarium will host several sky shows, a lecture, interactive computer games, outdoor solar viewing, exhibits and more.

For more details on current sky shows, exhibits, gift shop hours, upcoming classes, etc., call Louisiana Art & Science Museum at (225) 344-5272 or go to <http://www.lasm.org>