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Sciencenter Celebrates 25 Years with Anniversary Gala

ITHACA, NY — The Sciencenter is celebrating its first *"25 Trips Around the Sun"* with an Anniversary Gala on Thursday, February 28, from 7 to 10pm at the Sciencenter, in Ithaca.

This elegant, black-tie optional gala event will feature live music, delectable food, the best in local beverages, plus reflections on 25 years of the Sciencenter—the world's first community-built science museum. Gala guests will have the special opportunity of being the first to sign the petition and view the artwork for a planned US postage stamp to commemorate late American astronomer and founding Sciencenter Advisory Board member, Carl Sagan. Also to be unveiled at Gala is *"Sciencenter Supernova,"* Purity Ice Cream's newest flavor, created especially to celebrate 25 years of the Sciencenter in Ithaca.

Tickets for Gala can be purchased by calling the Sciencenter at (607) 272-0600 ext. 18 or by completing the Ticket Order Form on the Sciencenter's website (www.sciencenter.org/gala). Individual tickets are \$50 each; blocks of 10 tickets are \$450. Limited tickets will be available for sale at the door. Additional gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated, and those making additional contributions will be entered to win a fabulous New England travel package. All event proceeds benefit the Sciencenter's endowment.

The Sciencenter's 25th Anniversary Gala is its first-ever fundraising event focused on growing the Sciencenter's endowment. In special recognition of gifts of \$1,000 or more, friends of the Sciencenter may elect to "Sponsor a Trip Around the Sun." Sponsorships are available for Trips #1 through #25 (Earth Years 1983-2007). Contact Lara Kimber, associate director, at 272-0600 ext. 12 for more information.

The Sciencenter's 25th Anniversary Gala is made possible with the generous support of primary event sponsor, INCODEMA, Inc., with the additional support of Cornell University, King Ferry Winery, M&T Bank, Merrill Lynch Ithaca, Sciarabba Walker & Company, Triad Foundation, and Wegmans Food Markets.

The Sciencenter is a hands-on science museum for people of all ages with over 200 exhibits, educational programs, a gift shop, an outdoor science park, and a seasonal 18-hole miniature golf course. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and on Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children 3-17 years, and free to members and children under 3. For membership information, current programs and activities, please visit www.sciencenter.org. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail in Ithaca. More information can be found at www.DiscoveryTrail.com.

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