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Astrophysicist Dr. Neil DeGrasse Tyson Returns to the Florida Theatre to Read the Newspaper

Jacksonville, Fla- Famed astrophysicist and host of the Emmy-nominated *COSMOS* television series, Dr. Neil DeGrasse Tyson will return the Florida Theatre on October 17 at 7:30pm.

Presented by the Florida Theatre and MOSH, tickets for *An Evening with Dr. Neil DeGrasse Tyson - An Astrophysicists Reads the Paper* are on sale now for MOSH members and Friends of the Florida Theatre. Tickets for the general public are on sale Friday, May 19 at 10am. Tickets can be purchased at floridatheatre.com or by calling the Box Office at 904.355.2787.

Tyson is the fifth head of the world-renowned Hayden Planetarium in New York City and the first occupant of its Frederick P. Rose Directorship. He is a research associate of the Department of Astrophysics at the American Museum of Natural History.

As host of the popular weekly Podcast, *StarTalk*, Tyson engages his celebrity guests with informative yet playful banter in an effort to get people who never thought they would, or could, like science.

Tyson's latest book, *Astrophysics for People In A Hurry* will be released later this month.

An Evening with Neil DeGrasse Tyson- An Astrophysicist Reads the Newspaper is sponsored by A1A Solar.

The Florida Theatre's 2017 season is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming season events, including the Rock the 1920s Gala on May 20 visit floridatheatre.com.

Florida Theatre : From ballet and opera to contemporary pop, jazz, rock, country and blues the nonprofit Florida Theatre offers 200 cultural and entertainment events annually for every taste and age. More than just an entertainment center, The Florida Theatre is also home to graduations, awards ceremonies, lectures, business meetings and charity events that support the community's schools, churches, hospitals and civic groups. As an anchor to downtown development along the beautiful St. Johns River, The Florida Theatre draws 250,000 people to Jacksonville's center each year. The magnificently restored Florida Theatre is recognized as one of the finest concert venues in the Southeast. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Florida Theatre holds special memories for four generations. From the Vaudeville acts and silent films of its earliest days to today's blend of performances of all kinds, The Florida Theatre has served as Jacksonville's premier entertainment center since 1927.