

THE QUEEN ELIZABETH PLANETARIUM was built by the citizens of Edmonton, commemorating the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. Prince Philip to Edmonton on July 21st, 1959. During this visit to Coronation Park, the Queen planted a tree at the Planetarium site. Construction was started shortly after the Royal Visit, and by September of 1960, the building, one of the most modern planetariums in the world, was completed. Since its official opening on September 22nd, 1960, by Edmonton's Mayor, Dr. Elmer E. Roper, regular astronomical "shows" have been presented nightly. The Planetarium has proven to be even more successful than anticipated.

The choice of a planetarium as the "showpiece" of Coronation Park has been welcomed by many thousands of Albertans who realize the educational as well as entertainment potential of the planetarium.

The Planetarium Director is Ian C. McLennan, vice-president of the Edmonton Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Mr. McLennan is responsible for the administration of the planetarium. He lectures at many of the public shows held in the "SKY THEATRE."

In addition to regular public shows presented throughout the week, a popular series of school classes are held at the planetarium. The Director of School shows is Mr. George Williams.

Most of the equipment used in the Planetarium was designed by members of the **Astronomical Society**, who are now creating many additional special effects—including comets, meteors, northern lights, rocket take-offs, and simulated space flights. By the end of 1961, these effects will enable us to present to thousands of planetarium visitors a dramatic theatrical production depicting the wonders of the universe.

The Edmonton Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada assumes an active role in the operation of the planetarium. Lecturers at the planetarium include President Franklin C. Loehde, Past President Earl R. Milton, and Fred C. Jensen. In addition, many other members contribute material used in the various productions staged in the Sky Theatre and display section.

The Astronomical Society invites anyone interested in astronomy to become a member of the organization. Information pertaining to membership in the R.A.S.C. may be obtained from the Planetarium receptionist, phone GL 5-0119.

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PLANETARIUM

Coronation Park
111th Avenue, 142nd Street, Edmonton
Phone GL 5-0119



Canada's only public planetarium, operated by the City of Edmonton Parks Department, with the assistance of The Edmonton Centre, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

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THE WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE
AT EDMONTON'S

"Theatre of the Stars"

Public shows presented nightly except Thursday, commencing:

Weekdays—7:30 p.m.

Saturday—3:30 p.m.

Sunday—2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: Adults—50c Children—25c

SPECIAL GROUP SHOWS AVAILABLE
BY APPOINTMENT

Open Daily, Except Thursday, at 1:30 p.m.

WE INVITE

- Church and Social Groups
- School and University Classes
- Business Organizations
- Tourist Groups
- Service Clubs
- Community and Youth Groups
- Industrial Tours
- Scouts, Cubs, Guides, Brownies
- Military Services, Cadets
- Professional Organizations