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State Museum Hosts Evening Event Celebrating Music and Science

Quadrivium will feature live music inspired by astronomy, planetarium performances and night observing

COLUMBIA, S.C., Wednesday, April 15, 2015— Join the South Carolina State Museum at Quadrivium, an evening to celebrate the convergence of music and science from 7 – 11 p.m. on Thursday, April 30. Guests will witness the interaction of sight and sound through live music inspired by astronomy, engaging planetarium performances and night observing.

The event will feature a special live Renaissance and modern music performance in the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Planetarium choreographed to celestial images projected on the 55-foot planetarium dome. The 30-minute performance, offered several times throughout the event, will begin with one of the Southeast's finest choirs, the Trinity Cathedral Chamber Singers, and will finish with an organ improvisation by the State Museum's observatory manager and resident musician Matthew Whitehouse. Italian Renaissance composer Palestrina and British 21st century composer Jonathan Dove will be some of the featured composers.

The event will also include performances by two quartets from the South Carolina Philharmonic, one of the leading orchestras in the Southeast. In addition, there will be multiple screenings of "A Trip to the Moon," a 1902 short silent film that follows a group of astronomers traveling to the Moon.

After sunset, guests can observe the Moon, Jupiter and stars through the 1926 Alvan Clark telescope in the Boeing Observatory (observing is weather dependent). The museum galleries, including the new art exhibition, *Carolina Makers*, will be open for guests to explore throughout the evening. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be available for guests to enjoy.

"We tend to think of science and the arts as a separate study, but historically they were connected and music, astronomy and mathematics were studied together for a complete understanding of our world," said State Museum director of education Tom Falvey. "This event will let our guests explore how science and music are interconnected through live music performances."

Tickets are \$50 for the public and \$40 for museum members. Planetarium show times will need to be selected when purchasing tickets. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Visit scmuseum.org to purchase tickets.

About the South Carolina State Museum: *As the state's largest and most comprehensive museum, the South Carolina State Museum offers a unique, entertaining and educational experience to visitors throughout its 225,000 square foot facility located in the heart of downtown Columbia's Congaree Vista. The State Museum is housed in one of its greatest artifacts, an 1894 old textile mill full of character and charm. In addition to beautiful meeting spaces throughout the facility, guests can explore outer space in one of the largest planetariums in the Southeast, watch an interactive 4D movie and look through a vintage telescope in a one-of-a-kind observatory. These exciting opportunities are all in addition to the four floors of South Carolina art, cultural history, natural history and science/technology. Visit scmuseum.org to learn more.*