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***Pacific Science Center celebrates the International Year of Astronomy  
with unveiling of new images from  
NASA's great observatories***

**WHAT:** *Pacific Science Center will take visitors on a journey to the center of our galaxy when it unveils unprecedented mural-sized images of the Milky Way's core as seen by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope, Spitzer Space Telescope, and Chandra X-ray Observatory.*

*Explore our traveling space exhibits from Science On Wheels, see a planetarium show, and view the unveiling of our newest photo installment, all part the International Year of Astronomy commemorating the 400 years since Galileo first turned his telescope to the heavens in 1609.*

*Entry to this event is included with the price of general admission - FREE for Pacific Science Center members. Think of this as a preview to the great new IMAX® film coming in spring 2010. Hubble 3D, shot in space, promises to be truly out of this world! The film will showcase the recent Hubble repair mission and dramatic images taken by Hubble as never-seen-before on the giant IMAX screen.*

**WHEN:** *Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m.*

**WHERE:** *Pacific Science Center in Building Two near the Willard Smith Planetarium. Local school children will unveil the new images.*

**DETAILS:** *Pacific Science Center was selected by NASA to display these stunning photographs of the central region of our galaxy commemorate the International Year of Astronomy. A giant 6-foot-by-3-foot image presents a unique view that showcases the galaxy in near-infrared light observed by Hubble, infrared light observed by Spitzer, and X-ray light observed by Chandra.*

*Pacific Science Center will also unveil a matched trio of Hubble, Spitzer, and Chandra images of the Milky Way's center on a second large panel measuring 3 feet by 4 feet. Each image shows the telescope's different wavelength view of the central region of our Galaxy that illustrates not only the unique science each observatory conducts, but also how far astronomy has come since Galileo. The images will permanently be on display at Pacific Science Center.*

**PHOTO/  
INTERVIEW OPS:**

*Watch as local school groups unveil the new images from NASA. Pacific Science Center staff will be on hand to answer any questions about these images*

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