

Information for Music of the Spheres VIP Ticket Holders

Dress is casual, with comfortable walking shoes. Keep in mind that at 4200 feet elevation, evenings on Mt. Hamilton can be cool, so bring a sweater or coat. It is a good idea to check the weather forecast for Mt. Hamilton on the day of the event:

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=37.34&lon=-121.62&site=mtr&smap=1&lg=en&FcstType=text>

Please arrive at the Lick Observatory Main Building two and one-half hours before the concert. You will be greeted at the door and escorted to the Lecture Hall. Once the VIP group has fully assembled the tour will commence. It will be co-hosted by Deputy Director John Wareham and the astronomy lecturer of the evening.

The tour will lead you on a half mile route along the ridge of Mt. Hamilton (on paved surfaces with some elevation gains/drops), passing by many historic sites where we will pause for photos and brief story-telling. We will eventually arrive at the Shane 3-meter Telescope, where most of the current science on Mt. Hamilton is performed. We will take you inside the dome for an up-close and personal encounter with this massive telescope.

Following the tour of the Shane 3-meter telescope we will proceed to the Astronomers' Dining Hall for a private, light buffet meal (sandwich bar/salads/desserts), wine and other beverages. Our lecturing astronomer will host the dinner and would be happy to answer any astronomy questions you may have.

After the meal, we will return on foot to main building for the concert, lecture, and telescope viewing. You will be directed to VIP seating for the concert and will receive priority passes for later viewing through the 36-inch Great Lick Refractor and the 40-inch Nickel Reflector.

Once the concert is over you may attend the astronomy lecture and/or view through the telescopes at your discretion.

Other important information:

- The gift shop will be open during the event. VIPs receive a 20% discount.
- If you have ambulatory issues or concerns, please email or call John Wareham in advance at wareham@ucolick.org or 831.459.5933 so we can make alternative transportation arrangements for the tour and viewing through the telescopes.
- Proceed to the volunteers' table at the north end of the Main Building to receive your choice of a Music of the Spheres commemorative wine glass or coffee mug.

We hope you enjoy your evening at Lick Observatory and appreciate your generous support of our public programs.