THE ART OF PLANETARY SCIENCE
THE EXHIBITION

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An exhibition of art, created from and inspired by the solar system and the scientific data with which we explore it.
All volunteer effort, all graduate students, going on year 3!

Support for the event also comes from LPL and the Space Imaging Center.
Fine art inspired by planetary science:

- Paintings
- Drawings
- Digital/Print Photography
- Sculpture
- Glass
- Textiles
- Poetry
- Film
Art created from or representing scientific data/ideas:
- spacecraft, laboratory, observation images
- figures from papers
- images of scientific equations
- incorporation of data into artwork
Creating knowledge requires creativity.

Knowledge is useful, but also beautiful in the same way that art is.
Outreach Scope

The Adult Community

The Art Community

The Business Community

Adults have control over how science is viewed in society, and over public policy.
Creation of Knowledge vs. Creation of Self-expression:

How does the art community view science?
How do they see what we do? What inspires them?
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Made connections between the department and variety of businesses and organizations:
Flandrau Planetarium
Tucson Museum of Art
**DPS (in the exhibit hall!)**
Borderlands Brewing Co.
Biosphere 2
Skybar
...and more!
Who participated?

Artists and Scientists

90 artists and scientists submitted artwork!
Artists (mostly local)
Professionals and amateurs
Scientists and graduate students
Science and non-science undergraduate students

We displayed over 200 pieces of artwork, on three floors of the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory.
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Public Attendance and Reception

Event Length:
Soft Opening Thursday
Friday Night Opening Reception
Saturday and Sunday daytime hours

Lower limit estimates indicate we had at least 800 people come through the doors!
Future Plans?

Keep building!!