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National Academy of Sciences and thirstDC Present a Collaborative Live Event on May 15, 2014

WASHINGTON – The National Academy of Sciences' Cultural Programs and Science & Entertainment Exchange and thirstDC announce **Prometheus Unbound: A DASER Special**, a collaborative live event on Thursday, May 15, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W. The event is free and open to the public; a photo ID and registration are required for admittance. To register, visit <https://daserthirst.eventbrite.com>. Join the Twitter conversation with #DASERthirst.

Prometheus Unbound brings together a diverse group of experts for an entertaining and engaging look at the science behind the popular movie *Prometheus* (2012). Join us for an evening of abject nerdiness and witty banter as we explore the representation of science in the movies. The panel of experts includes: **Summer Ash**, astrophysicist and director of outreach, department of astronomy, Columbia University, New York City; **Jeffrey Kahn**, professor of bioethics and public policy, Johns Hopkins University Berman Institute of Bioethics, Baltimore; **Michael Sappol**, historian, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Md.; and **Eric Schulze**, molecular biologist and co-founder, creative director, and chief nerd, thirstDC, Washington, D.C. **JD Talasek**, director, Cultural Programs of the National Academy of Sciences, will moderate the discussion.

Margot MacDonald and DJ **AutoRock** will provide creative disruptions. Included in NPR's Favorite Discoveries from the 2013 CMJ Music Festival and voted 2014 Best Singer by *Washington City Paper* readers; songwriter, vocalist, and live looper Margot MacDonald embodies a one-woman band. With his former band Big/Bright and as a DJ, AutoRock has played to packed crowds at the Howard Theater, U Street Music Hall, Black Cat and other venues around Washington, D.C. His monthly party MASS APPEAL is now in its sixth year at the Rock & Roll Hotel.

Cultural Programs of the National Academy of Sciences sponsors exhibitions, film screenings, the quasi-monthly salon called D.C. Art Science Evening Rendezvous (DASER), and other events that explore relationships among the arts and sciences. For more information, visit www.cpnas.org.

The Science & Entertainment Exchange of the National Academy of Sciences connects entertainment industry professionals with top scientists and engineers to create a synergy between accurate science and engaging storylines in both film and TV programming. For more information, visit <http://www.scienceandentertainmentexchange.org>.

thirstDC aims to create and foster thought leaders both on and off stage by crafting an informal environment where world-renowned experts socialize, interact with, and inspire attendees in a lounge atmosphere. thirstDC: Be utterly fascinating. For more information, visit <http://thirstdc.com>.



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