

**Galilean Nights Event ID:** gn198

**Number of telescopes:** 0

**Number of organisers:** ~20

**Number of attendees:** ~300

**Event photos:** <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44712994@N08/sets/72157622674761479/>

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**Event Report:**

We were clouded out for all of our viewing events.

The Inwood Astronomy Project presents "The Galilean Nights Festival in Inwood."  
Here are all of our events this October:

\* The Uptown Planetarium Astronomy Lectures, Learn about the Hubble Space Telescope and the LCROSS Lunar Impact Mission. Free at The New York Public Library, Inwood Branch, October 3 and 10 (1:00 PM)

---> about 75 attendees to both lectures. we had a huge mix from the community of Northern Manhattan.

\* The LCROSS Mission Impact Party, televising the spacecraft landing on the moon! At Indian Road Café, October 9 (early morning)

----> covered by FOX News, CSM, AP, National Geographic, Village Voice and the Manhattan Times, we had about 40,000 viewers on three short spots on the morning shows covering the LCROSS impact. We had about 45 attendees at the Cafe that morning. It was an amazing experience for all, even with the natural letdown of the event.

\* World Premiere of Minding the Heavens, Theatrical reading of a play about the famous astronomers, Caroline and William Herschel. Written by Dr. Mark Littmann. Free at The New York Public Library, Inwood Branch, October 17 (1:00 PM)

---> The play premiered to a packed house of 60 people. The playwright and many members of his family flew up from Tennessee to see its performance. It was well-received, and we all went out to dinner afterwards for theater and astro chat.

\* Shakespeare Saturdays Strollers and Soloists Free concert at The New York Public Library, Inwood Branch, October 24 (12:00 Noon)

---> The concert was well-attended in upper Manhattan. This collection of original songs featured the songs sung by the Strollers below.

\* Live Street Theater done by the Shakespeare Saturdays Strollers, Renaissance-costumed performers meandering about Inwood in all your favorite haunts! What will they sing? Where will they be? Guess you gotta be out and about in Inwood to know! Featuring the Hit Song Up, Up, Up in the Sky by Donna Stearns and the Big Bangers: the official song of the International Year of Astronomy. (Digital downloads available on iTunes and CDBaby )

---> a team of 7 people went around upper Manhattan in Renaissance garb to publicize the events of Galilean Nights. They invaded local businesses and restaurants with street theater, songs and skits for the clientele. They were seen by over 400 people.

---> All stargazing events were clouded out...

\* Stargazing: Friday, October 23, 7:30 PM: The Baseball Diamonds at Inwood Hill Park.

\* Stargazing: Saturday, October 24, 7:30 PM: The Overlook Meadow in Inwood Hill Park.

\* Stargazing: Saturday, October 31, 7:30 PM: Halloween Spooky Stars at the Baseball Diamonds at Inwood Hill Park.