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Duran Duran to Rock the Rocket Garden at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex with Concert and Choreographed Drone Light Show

Spectacular Late-Night Show Highlights Apollo 50th Celebrations on the Space Coast

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FLA. (June 28, 2019) – [Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex](#) and the [Aldrin Family Foundation](#) today announced that the iconic British band [Duran Duran](#) will play a unique show amidst the spectacular Rocket Garden with an out-of-this-world drone performance by [Studio Drift](#). Tickets are now on sale at [KennedySpaceCenter.com](#) for the show which will immediately follow the sold-out [Apollo 50th Gala](#) on July 16, 2019.

Speaking from Europe, where the band is currently on tour, keyboardist and Duran Duran co-founder Nick Rhodes said, “In July 1969 an entire generation, around the world, was ‘Moonstruck’. I was one of those kids watching in complete amazement on TV as the Lunar Module touched down, and Neil Armstrong took his first steps on the Moon. I remember rushing outside immediately after the broadcast to just stare up into the night sky. It was surreal and awe inspiring - science fiction unfolding before us. I tried to picture what it must be like for the astronauts who were up there – but it was all so utterly unimaginable. We’d simply never witnessed anything like it before. It felt like a new beginning. Everything was encapsulated in that one moment, nothing was ever going to be the same again. It represented hope, belief and opportunity - opening our minds to what mankind was capable of achieving.”

Rhodes continued, “Around a decade later, we formed the band and released our first single *Planet Earth*. The indelible impact of the Moon landing was still one of our main sources of inspiration. In the last half-century there have been very few events that have captured the world’s attention and united everyone in such a positive way. We are truly thrilled and honored to be a part of the 50-year celebration of the Apollo 11 mission, and to be performing at the Kennedy Space Center where the launch took place and the dream became a reality.”

For this special tribute performance, the band reached out to renowned artist duo Studio Drift, whose work they had admired at Art Basel in Miami just over a year ago. Their famous art performance *Franchise Freedom*, consisting of hundreds of [Intel® Shooting Star™ drones](#), envisions how technology and nature can intertwine.

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“The Apollo 11 Moon landing exemplifies what technology can do for humanity. We’re ready and excited for the next 50 years,” said Ralph Nauta, co-founder of Studio Drift.

This will be Duran Duran’s first performance in such a unique setting with the massive Saturn 1B and other rockets and spacecraft as the backdrop. The concert and drone light show will highlight a series of events commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing, a moment that was celebrated around the world.

Tickets for this unique experience are available for \$300 each and can only be purchased online at KennedySpaceCenter.com. Profits from the concert will support the Aldrin Family Foundation’s STEAM education programs.

Entry begins at 8 p.m., and the performance will be preceded by a set from [DJ Evalicious](#). Guests can visit the World’s Largest Space Shop and enjoy refreshments throughout the evening.

For a full schedule of events planned to celebrate the Apollo 50th, visit kennedyspacecenter.com.

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About the Aldrin Family Foundation

The Aldrin Family Foundation (AFF) strives to cultivate the next generation of space leaders, entrepreneurs and explorers who will extend human habitation beyond the Earth to the Moon and Mars. AFF’s STEAM-based educational tools, curriculum and programs span from a child’s first classroom experience through graduate school and professional programs. This vertical pathway unites explorers at all levels to learn from each other’s vision for space, ultimately creating the first generation of Martians. For more information, visit www.aldrinfoundation.org.

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About Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex brings to life the epic story of the U.S. space program, offering a full day or more of fun, inspiration and educational activities. This includes the Apollo/Saturn V Center, which features an actual Saturn V Moon rocket, and is currently being upgraded and expanded in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 launch and Moon landing. Also included with admission are Heroes & Legends, featuring the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame[®], presented by Boeing, the Kennedy Space Center Bus Tour, Space Shuttle Atlantis[®], Shuttle Launch Experience[®], 3D space films, Astronaut Encounter, Journey To Mars: Explorers Wanted, Science on a Sphere[®], and the Rocket Garden. Add-on experiences available for an additional fee include the new Astronaut Training Experience[®] Exploring with Lockheed Martin, Cosmic Quest, Dine With an Astronaut and special interest bus tours. Only 45 minutes from Orlando, Fla., Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex opens daily at 9 a.m. with closing times varying by season. Admission is \$57 + tax for adults and \$47 + tax for children ages 3 – 11. Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex offers annual passes starting at \$82 + tax for adults and

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