

## **Press Release**

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### **Beam me up Scotty! Scotland's Space Mania Boosts Festival Sales**

As the world's astronauts descend upon Glasgow in their masses for the largest astronomical conference in the world, the wave of interest in all things extra-terrestrial has provided an unexpected boost in sales for Scotland's premier sound and light show, The Enchanted Forest: A Journey Through Space.

Big Tree Country, the organisers of The Enchanted Forest, have announced that ticket sales for the event have surged over the last few days with 35 shows for the event now completely sold out.

The show, "A Journey Through Space", takes place between 17<sup>th</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Faskally Wood near Pitlochry will transform the forest into an astronomical playground for space fans both young and old.

Hamish Murray, chair of the steering group for the Enchanted Forest 2008 commented, "We were aware that the International Astronautical Congress was taking place in Glasgow this week but hadn't anticipated that the nation's interest in space would also have a positive impact on ticket sales for this year's event. The Enchanted Forest combines the outdoors with the spectacular and it is a perfect outing for couples and families who want to see the outdoors in a completely different light."

"Our lighting team have created some fantastic visual effects for the forest which will really give people the feeling they are on a completely different planet. And for the children, we have transformed a part of the forest into ET Wood – a playground of inexplicable extraterrestrial fun. The truth is out there!" He concluded.

The Enchanted Forest is also supported by the community led Pitlochry Autumn Festival, making it a festive family event.

The shuttle departure point in Pitlochry is a five minute walk from Pitlochry Railway Station and organisers are urging people to make best use of the public transport links available.

For further information about the Enchanted Forest and to purchase tickets, visit the Enchanted Forest website at [www.enchantedforest.org.uk](http://www.enchantedforest.org.uk)

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