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MOVIE SCIENCE: WHO CARES IF IT'S WRONG?

A few decades ago, a poll showed more Americans received their knowledge of science from “Star Trek” than from any other source. But “Star Trek” science is, by most measures, an oxymoron. Today, some prestigious science organizations think that Hollywood should get its science ducks in a row, and have set up an office to put Tinseltown’s writers and directors in touch with researchers. How’s that working for us?

Dr. Seth Shostak of the SETI Institute will discuss both the (often amusing) consequences of the meeting of two cultures — science and storytelling — as well as consider the larger question: does it really matter if the science in the next blockbuster is wrong?

Registration to attend this event is required.

Visit <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/lectures> to register for this event. Seating is limited to 250.

This FREE presentation at 7:30 p.m. is intended for inquisitive adults and will be followed by a light reception and an opportunity to meet Dr. Shostak.

Speaker presentation held at
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(entrance on Middlebrook Drive)

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