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LIFE ON MARS

Washington, DC (Aug. 15, 2018) – The recent discovery of liquid water below the surface of Mars will be the subject of the next installment of the Museum of Science Fiction's quarterly lecture series. Dr. David H. Grinspoon, senior scientist at the Planetary Science Institute, will deliver the lecture on October 4 at the law offices of series co-sponsor, K&L Gates. The lecture will also be live streamed for people located outside of the Washington, DC area.

"Finding a lake on Mars, buried beneath the polar cap, is hugely exciting," said Dr. Grinspoon. "If this discovery holds up to scrutiny, it basically means that Mars has called our bluff because it means there's a place on Mars today with conditions that may be identical to ice-covered lakes on Earth. So then why shouldn't there be life on Mars today? This finding demands we study and explore Mars more closely to understand the role of life everywhere, including on Earth."

In addition to his role at the Planetary Science Institute, Dr. Grinspoon is an adjunct professor of astrophysical and planetary science at the University of Colorado and prize-winning author. His latest book, *Chasing New Horizons*, was published in May and tells the story of the 2015 NASA mission to Pluto.

"We are excited to continue our Museum of Science Fiction lecture series with Dr. David Grinspoon, one of the world's leading planetary scientists, as he examines the tantalizing possibility that yes, there may be life on Mars," added Paul Stimers, Partner at K&L Gates and member of the Museum of Science Fiction's Board of Advisors.

The Museum's 2018 lecture series is open to the public. The "Life on Mars" lecture will also be included in the Science program track at Escape Velocity 2019, the Museum's annual convention on May 24-26, 2019, at the Marriott Gaylord Convention Center. For tickets and

more information on upcoming lectures, please go to:
www.museumofsciencefiction.org/2018-lecture-series

More information about this and other activities is available here:
www.museumofsciencefiction.org

About the Museum of Science Fiction

The nonprofit Museum of Science Fiction will be the world's first comprehensive science fiction museum, covering the history of the genre across the arts and providing a narrative on its relationship to the real world. The Museum will show how science fiction continually inspires individuals, influences cultures, and impacts societies. Also serving as an educational catalyst to expand interest in the science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) areas, the Museum uses tools such as mobile applications and wifi-enabled display objects to engage and entertain. For a full press packet on the Museum of Science Fiction's vision and other information, please visit:
www.museumofsciencefiction.org/presspacket

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About Escape Velocity 2019

The Museum of Science Fiction and NASA are partnering to bring Escape Velocity 2019 to Washington, DC. The event is a futuristic world's fair to promote informal STEAM educational activities within the context of science fiction using the fun of comic cons and fascination of science and engineering festivals. Escape Velocity 2019 seeks to make a measurable positive impact to boost informal learning on the more conceptually challenging academic areas. Escape Velocity's mission is to attract young people to science, technology, engineering, art, and math by producing and presenting the most compelling, exciting, educational, and entertaining science festival in the United States using science fiction as its primary engine. Escape Velocity will achieve orbit on May 24-26, 2019 at the Marriott Gaylord Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland, just outside of Washington, DC. For a full press packet on Escape Velocity, please visit: www.escapevelocity.events/press-media

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