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US astronaut Kevin Ford in Speyer

Lecture and autograph session at TECHNIK MUSEUM SPEYER on 27 May 2017



NASA astronaut Kevin Ford: NASA



Landing of STS-128 US Space Shuttle Discovery: NASA

"The Fascination of Space" - a topic that inspires many, including TECHNIK MUSEUM SPEYER. Since 2008 this theme has had its own dedicated exhibition hall at the museum. In Europe's largest space exhibition "Apollo and Beyond" numerous exhibits on manned space travel are on display, from its beginnings to the latest developments. In addition to a Soviet space shuttle, an original Apollo 15 moon rock and a Soyuz landing capsule, many small items such as astronaut food, clothing, checklists and experiments can be viewed. Since the opening of the exhibition more than 40 astronauts have visited the museum, given lectures or held autograph sessions there.

On Saturday, 27 May 2017, US astronaut Kevin Ford will visit Speyer Museum and give a lecture from 2.30 pm (language: English). In his presentation the American astronaut will report on his missions and then answers questions from visitors at a Q & A session. Afterwards, Kevin Ford will sign autographs in the space hall from about 3.30 pm and will also be available for photos with visitors. The lecture and the autograph session are included in the admission price.

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Seating in the FORUM cinema is limited (no seat guarantee).

In July 2000 Kevin Ford was selected as a trainee astronaut by NASA and began training one month later. After successfully completing his training he was assigned to Mission Control Center in 2002 as a Capsule Communicator (CAPCOM), and then as a NASA liaison officer at the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City near Moscow. On 29 August 2009, as pilot of the STS-128 mission, Kevin Ford took off on board the Space Shuttle Discovery for a 14-day mission to the International Space Station. The ISS was provided with several tonnes of supplies in the form of the on-board "Leonardo" logistics module. The landing of his first mission took place after 13 days, 20 hours and 54 minutes. On 23 October 2012 he took off for the ISS on board the Soyuz TMA-06M spacecraft. Ford was the ISS flight engineer on Expedition 33 and - from 19 December 2012 - commander of Expedition 34. On 16 March 2013 he landed in the steppes of Kazakhstan after 143 days, 16 hours and 15 minutes. Kevin Ford has been in space for a total of 157 days, 13 hours and 9 minutes. Further information about the space travel exhibition is available at www.technik-museum.de.

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