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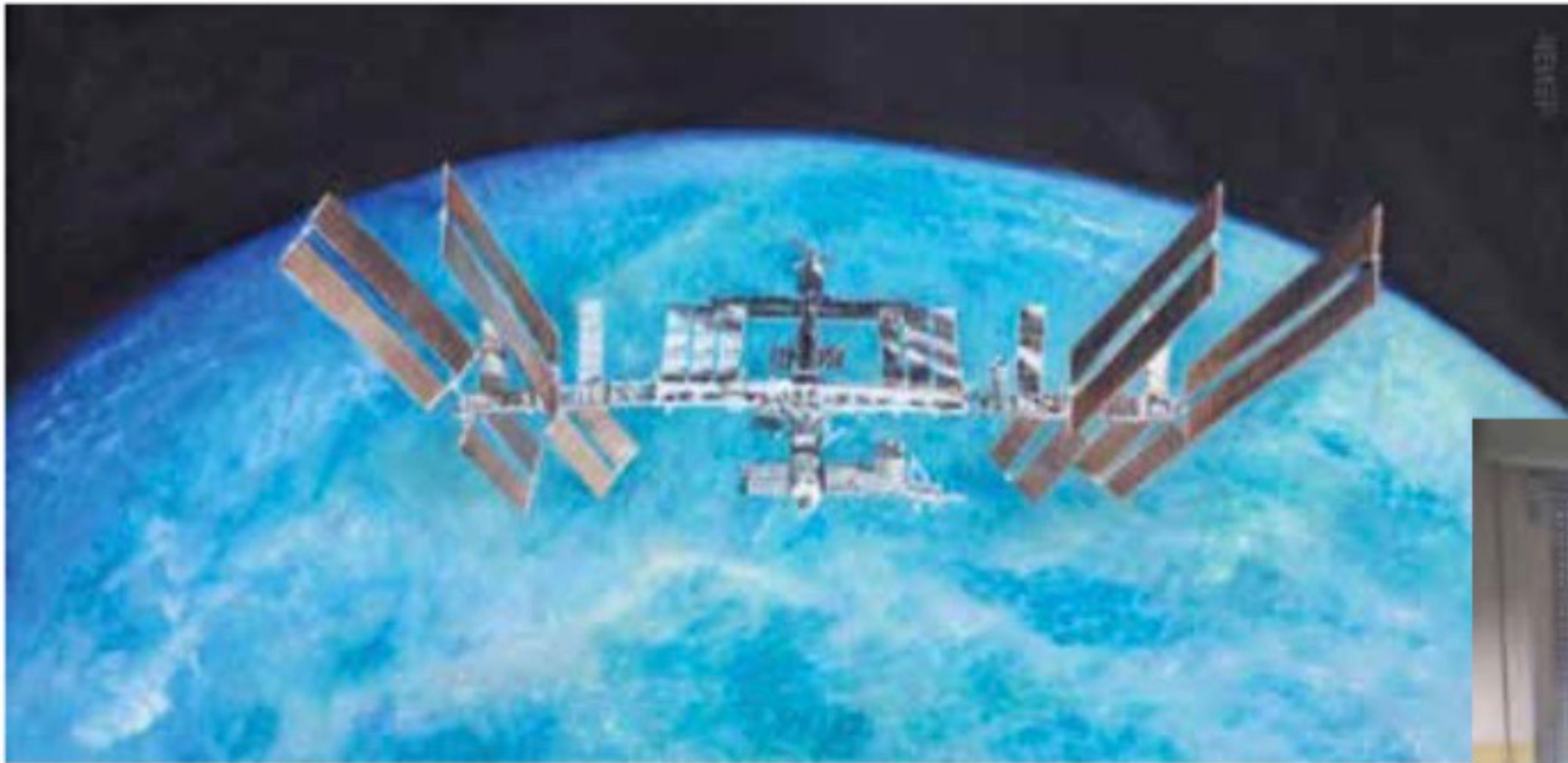


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Space art is an interesting subject for planetariums. Some images created by space artists are very spectacular under the dome. "Space art" (also "astronomical art") is the term for a modern artistic expression that strives to show the wonders of the universe. Space artists use more than illustration and painting to communicate scientific discoveries; some also have had the opportunity to work directly with space flight technology and scientists in attempts to expand the arts, humanities, and cultural expression in relation to space exploration.

Among space artists there is the Italian Deneb Arici who collaborates with the Planetarium and Observatory Serafino Zani. Deneb is attracted by the innate appeal of boundaryless outer space. As a painter and an amateur astronomer he combines visual and perceptive study with the scientific one, thus giving light to the project Stargazing Mixed with Art and is recognized as one of the artists of the prestigious IAAA, International Association of Astronomical Artists.

IAAA is the premier organization and only guild in the world dedicated to the creation of space art. Composed of over 120 members, artists of the IAAA depict the wonders of the universe in ways to inspire the greater human population and raise awareness of space. Deneb is one of two Italian members of the organization.



IAP. Above: The International Space Station, an artistic image created by Deneb Arici. Courtesy of Arici.

