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**Frederick Speaker Series Blasts Off into Space with Dr. Mae Jemison at Weinberg Center**

FREDERICK, MD, Friday, January 24, 2020 — Explore the frontiers of science and human potential with the first woman of color in space when [Dr. Mae Jemison](#) touches down at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on February 20, 2020 at 7: 00 PM.

This event is presented by the Frederick Speaker Series. Tickets start at \$40 and may be purchased online at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://WeinbergCenter.org), by calling the Box Office at 301-600-2828, or in person at 20 West Patrick Street.

The product of a Middle-American upbringing, Dr. Mae Jemison was raised in Chicago. She entered Stanford University at the age of 16 on a scholarship, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. She then earned her doctorate in medicine at Cornell University Medical College. Prior to joining the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in 1987, she worked in both engineering and medicine, as a general practitioner and as a medical officer with the Peace Corps in West Africa. During her six years at NASA, Dr. Jemison became the first woman of color in space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour. She resigned from NASA in 1993, becoming founder and president of two technology companies in addition to founding and chairing a non-profit organization. Dr. Jemison serves as Bayer Corporation's national science literacy advocate. She has presented to the United Nations on the uses of space technology, appeared as a host and technical consultant for the Discovery Channel and was the subject of the PBS Documentary "The New Explorers." In her speeches, Dr. Jemison inspires and encourages audiences, taking them on an exciting and diverse voyage which mirrors her life, focusing on exploration of the frontiers of science and human potential.

For your convenience below is a link to images of Dr. Jemison

[http://bit.ly/dropbox\\_jemison](http://bit.ly/dropbox_jemison)

A complete listing of artists and performers scheduled for the 2019-2020 season can be found at [WeinbergCenter.org](http://WeinbergCenter.org).

**ABOUT THE WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

The Weinberg Center for the Arts is one of the region's premier performing arts presenters, offering film, music, dance, theater, and family-focused programming. Located in the historic Tivoli movie theater in downtown Frederick Maryland, the Weinberg Center strives to ensure that the arts remain accessible and affordable to local and regional audiences alike. Weinberg Center events are made possible with major support from the City of Frederick, the Maryland State Arts Council, Plamondon Hospitality Partners, and other corporate and individual donors.