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Exploring the Observatory's past starts with namesake Griffith J. Griffith, whose plan for a public observatory was as visionary as it was audacious. From Griffith's bequest in 1919 to the Observatory's dedication on May 14, 1935, the story shifts to the astronomers, architects, and public leaders who made his vision to reality. From 1935 - 2002, the Observatory welcomed 70 million visitors and became the world's leader in public astronomy, a story told in the context of the building's four Directors.

The Samuel Oschin Planetarium

Griffith Observatory's Samuel Oschin Planetarium features an array of state-of-the-art technologies to support world-class scientific educational programming for audiences of all ages. With its spectacular Zeiss star projector, laser digital projection system, state-of-the-art aluminum dome, comfy seats, sound system, and theatrical lighting, the 290-seat Samuel Oschin Planetarium Theater is the finest planetarium in the world.

The Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Oschin Family Foundation

The Foundation strives to improve the future for many through its support of astronomy, medicine, education, the arts, animal causes, and a variety of community organizations. With interests ranging from telescopes to microscopes and everything in between, signature donations include the 48-inch Samuel Oschin Telescope at Palomar Observatory and the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

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