



## **Mars Direct: Humans to the Red Planet within a Decade**

**Dr. Robert Zubrin**

In July 1989, first President Bush called for America to renew its pioneering push into space with the establishment of a permanent Lunar base and a series of human missions to Mars. While many have said that such an endeavor would be excessively costly and take many decades, a small team at Martin Marietta with principal author **Robert Zubrin** drew up a daring plan that could sharply cut costs and send a group of American astronauts to the Red Planet within ten years. **Now with nation debating how to proceed with space exploration, the “Mars Direct” plan is more relevant than ever: Can Americans reach Mars in our time?**

**Dr. Robert Zubrin**, formerly a Staff Engineer at Lockheed Martin Astronautics in Denver is now president of his own company, Pioneer Astronautics. He will be presenting his work at **Rutgers SciFest**, in a lecture that is free of charge and open to the public.



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## **Physics Lecture Hall, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM**

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