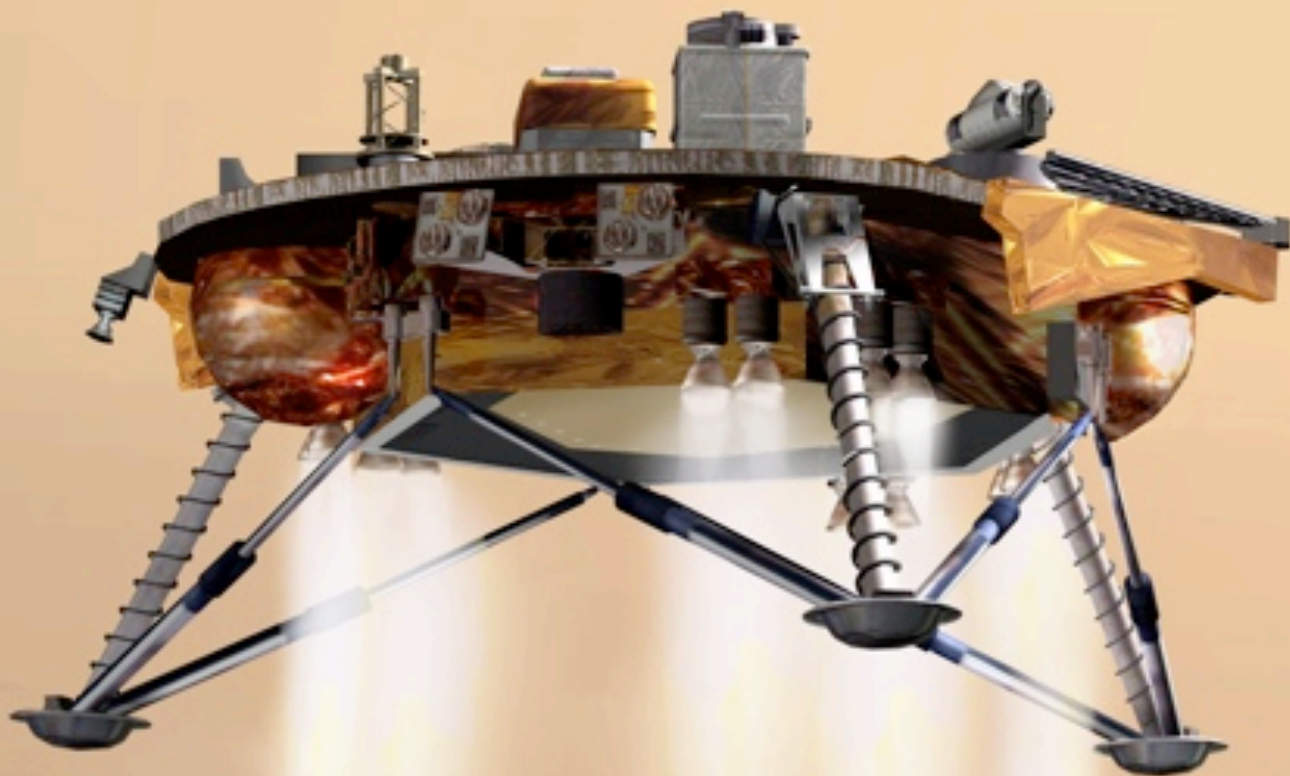


COLUMBIA ASTRONOMY OUTREACH PRESENTS:



# STARGAZING & LECTURE SERIES



## **Martian Summer**

A lecture by Andrew Kessler  
Friday, March 1st, 7:00PM

In the summer of 2008, author Andrew Kessler spent three months in mission control for NASA's Phoenix Mars mission. The Phoenix lander was the first man-made probe ever sent to the Martian arctic. It's goal was to find out how climate change can turn a warm, wet planet (like Earth) into a cold, barren desert (like Mars). Along the way, Phoenix discovered a giant frozen ocean trapped beneath the north pole of Mars, exotic food for aliens and liquid water. This is a story about modern-day Magellans battling NASA politics, temperamental robots, and the bizarre world of daily life in mission control.

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