

# BLAST!

A FILM BY PAUL DEVLIN

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6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Cohen Auditorium, Claudia Cohen Hall

The 2008 documentary film *BLAST!* follows a team of scientists hoping to figure out how galaxies form by launching a revolutionary new telescope on a NASA high-altitude balloon. This screening will be followed by an audience Q&A with the film's subject, Mark Devlin, the Reese W. Flower Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics at Penn.

“In a rare combination of content and storytelling, *BLAST!* treats the viewer not only to the fruits of cosmic discovery but to the fits and starts of dedicated scientists who navigate paths of research that enable it.”

- Neil deGrasse Tyson, Astrophysicist and Host of *NOVA science NOW*

“We experience the scientists’ hopes, tensions and frustrations as their goal of charting distant galaxies is threatened by arctic conditions, damaged mirrors, lost hard drives and polar bears.”

- Ian Johns, *The Observer* (U.K.)

