



**Alexandra Barnett**

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Alexandra Barnett became Chabot Space & Science Center's Executive Director in March 2003 after serving as the Creative Director, Programs Director, and, most recently, Business Development Director for the National Space Centre in Leicester, England. Ms. Barnett has a degree in astrophysics, but her early career was in making TV and radio programs in science subjects, particularly astronomy and computing. She hosted a regular BBC TV series for two and a half years on astronomy and space, called *Final Frontier*. She also wrote the monthly sky guide column for the British magazine, *Astronomy Now*. A first book for 8 year olds, *Black Holes and other Space Oddities* was published in August 2002 and a second book, *DK Space: Revealed* was released in June 2004. Her first general reader book, *Cosmic Company*, in collaboration with the SETI Institute, was published in November of 2003. She was responsible for bringing the X PRIZE exhibit to Chabot Space & Science Center, which continues to inform the public about the future of private space venturing and exploration.