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SHE ASTRONOMER



This is a story that begins thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of years ago. A time when our female ancestors first looked up at the sky and wondered what was in it. Women have been asking questions about the Sun and the Moon ever since.

Thousands of years later, more women have fixed their eyes on the Cosmos and devoted their professional lives to the pursuit of its mysteries. They are women astronomers and there have been many, very many, of them. They have been there throughout every period in history. Their hard work and dedication have been crucial to astronomy's progress. They have made some truly ground breaking discoveries. This exhibition is designed to celebrate women's contribution to astronomy together with their advancement, ambition, happiness and learning. In the past and in the present. The legacy is slightly bitter though, because women have faced many obstacles as they have sought to expand their knowledge.'

Urania was, in Greek mythology, the muse of astronomy. Throughout history she has been represented in many different forms.