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Natural History and a public lecture on the astronomical dimensions of James Turrell's perceptual art at the Guggenheim Museum. "I had also arranged in advance a ferry booking from Copenhagen to the island of Hven (which actually belongs to Sweden), where the celebrated 16th-century Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe built two observatories. This was before the invention of the telescope, and with the best engraved metal instruments in the world, Tycho made the best observations of the sky until the invention of the telescope. This achievement is recognized, dramatized

Conference on the Inspiration of Astronomy at the American Museum of

and explained in a part of the "Using the Sky" exhibit in the Anne Marie and Jack C. Wilder Hall of the Eye at Griffith Observatory. The earthworks around Tycho's first observatory, his Uraniborg castle observatory, have been preserved, and his second, underground observatory, Stjärneborg, has been reconstructed on the original instrument pits and foundations. The first picture with *Alive!* was taken at Stjärneborg, and the reconstructed super-





picture with *Alive!* was taken at Stjärneborg, and the reconstructed superstructures that covered the instruments are visible behind me. The second picture with *Alive!* was taken, of course, in front of Manhattan's Hayden Planetarium, at the American Museum of Natural History."

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