

## **PRESS RELEASE - September 17th 2018**

### **Night Sky 6 - Designed for iOS 12**

#### **Bring the universe into your home!**

iCandi Apps®, the creators of the Night Sky stargazing app have released a completely reimaged version of Night Sky, which makes full use of iOS 12, Siri Shortcuts and ARKit 2.0.

Building on an already awe inspiring Augmented Reality experience, Night Sky 6 makes use of the new Siri Shortcuts and ARKit 2.0 technologies for iPhone and iPad, that enables users to literally pull celestial objects out of the sky and place them in their room, or ask Siri where their favorite object is!

#### **WHATS NEW?**

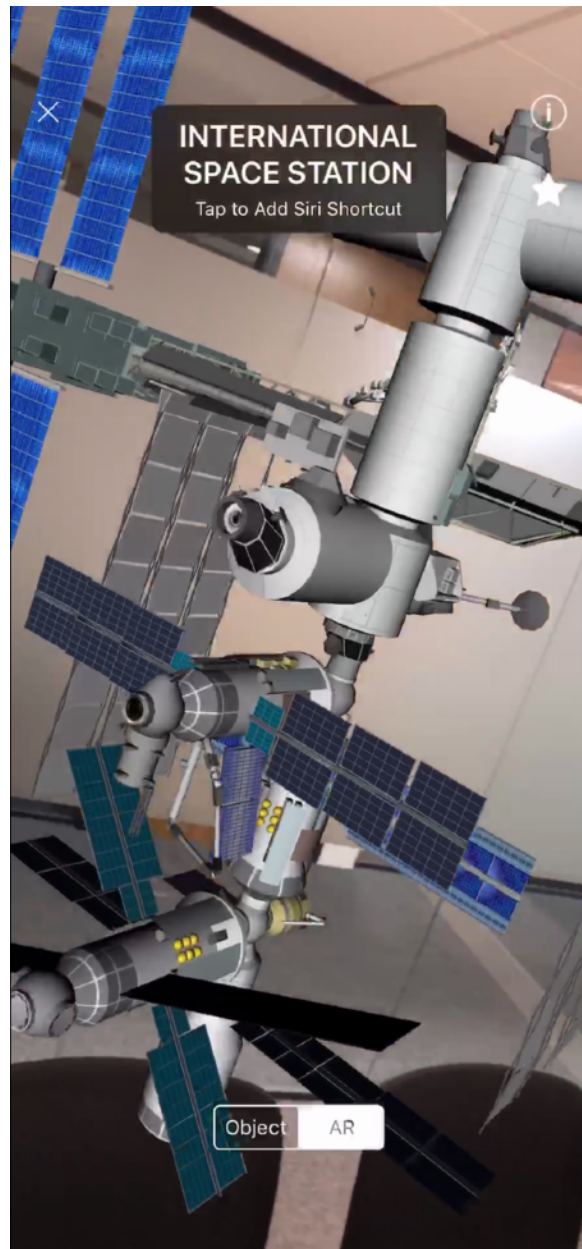
- **AR OBJECT EXPLORATION** - Pull Planets, Stars and Constellations out of the sky and look at them in AR! In Night Sky 6 we've enabled the ability to pull celestial objects out of the sky! The Object Exploration screen then creates a 3D object centre for you to explore in more detail. From here get detailed data, add a Siri Shortcut to the object and even share the object via iMessage etc... with USDZ! When you're done just throw the object back into the Night Sky!
- **NIGHT SKY SIRI SHORTCUTS** - "Hey Siri, show me where the International Space Station is!"... with iOS 12 create a Siri Shortcut, then just ask Siri where any planet or even the ISS is, and Night Sky will direct you to it!
- **AR GLASS CONSTELLATIONS WITH STAR DEPTH** - Night Sky 6 brings all new even more detailed Glass Constellation models! Pull your favourite constellation from the sky and see it in 3D or AR enabling you to see the depth and distance of the stars behind it!
- **AR PLANETARY PORTALS** (Premium Feature) - Step onto the surface of other planets by placing AR portals around your room! AR Portals also support shared experiences and persistence with ARKit 2.0!
- **PLANETARIUM VISITS** - Find your nearest local planetarium from the new Planetarium feature.
- **NIGHT SKY FOR YOU** - Night Sky suggests Night Sky Tours for upcoming trips you may have coming up in your calendar. For instance a camping trip, or trip to the beach. Night Sky will generate this tour in the background and have the tile available for you to watch prior to your trip!
- **SUPERFAST OPTIMIZATIONS** - We have optimized Night Sky start up making load time 4 times faster. On iOS 12 on new devices Night Sky loads almost instantly, speed is also drastically improved on iOS 11/10 on all devices. In app animations have at least been doubled in speed for instant access to menus. Night Sky 6 flies compared to the previous release.

*"Night Sky 6 brings the sky to you thanks to iOS 12, Siri Shortcuts and ARKit 2.0! Ask Siri where the International Space Station is, then literally pull it out of the sky and place it on your table in AR - this works with any object! With ARKit 2.0 place portals to other worlds around the room and share the experience with other people. Prepare for one of the most amazing experiences on mobile!"*

- Andy Weekes, Founder & Company Director, iCandi Apps.

iCandi Apps was founded in 2008 by Andy Weekes, after he was inspired by the introduction of the App Store. Andy went from being a school teacher to creating one of the most successful reference apps in the world. Having achieved number one ranking in numerous markets, Andy has seen success he couldn't have even dreamed of. With the launch of Night Sky 6 with Siri Shortcuts, AR Object Exploration and AR Planetary Portals, iCandi Apps is set to introduce the biggest update to Night Sky in over 2 years.

Night Sky 6 is available to download for the iPhone and iPad from the App Store - <https://itunes.apple.com/app/night-sky/id475772902?mt=8>



Example of Object Exploration screen and the International Space Station in AR in Night Sky 6