



# Come join the RIT Skeptics in celebrating **Charles Darwin's** 200<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**What** - Darwin Day is an international celebration of science and humanity. Specifically a celebration of the discoveries and life of Charles Darwin - the man who first described biological evolution via natural selection with scientific rigor and also a man who is known for his kindness, consideration, tolerance, reflective thought and deep appreciation for the similarities, as well as the differences, among us. Darwin Day does not seek to worship Darwin, or claim him flawless, rather simply to honor him for his contributions and his character.

**Who** - Darwin Day is celebrated by freethought and science advocacy groups, museums, schools, universities and communities around the world.

**When** - Darwin Day is on February 12<sup>th</sup> - Darwin's birthday.

**Why** - There is an organized movement against the teaching of biological evolution through natural selection. Those opposing evolution have spread a tremendous amount of misinformation. Also, efforts to reduce the teaching of evolution have left many people without a quality scientific education. The primary motivation behind Darwin Day is to give more people a better understanding of evolution. Additionally, we seek to remind ourselves and our communities how important responsible scientific inquiry and education is to both our understanding of the world and our well being.

This **Thursday 2/12** from **8:00 - 11:00 PM** join the RIT Skeptics in **06-A201** for a screening of ***The Genius of Darwin***, a documentary by Richard Dawkins.