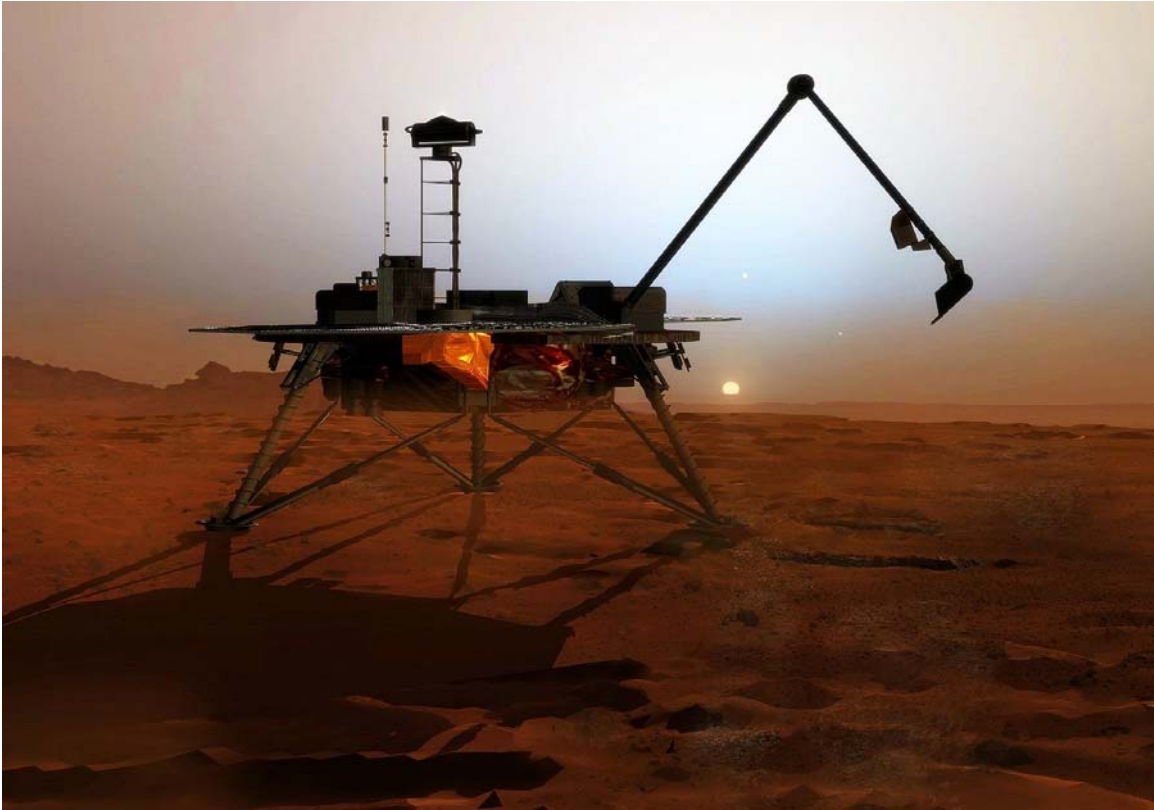


**THE ARIZONA CAPITOL MUSEUM OPENS  
*UP FROM THE ASHES: PHOENIX GOES TO MARS*  
February 14, 2008**



The Arizona Capitol Museum, in collaboration with The University of Arizona, opened *Up from the Ashes: Phoenix Goes to Mars* during Arizona's Statehood Day observance on February 14<sup>th</sup>. This exhibit highlights The University's Phoenix Mars Mission, from project development, launch and touchdown, to the movements of the Lander and resulting research. The display is updated as data are analyzed from Mission Control in Tucson.

Launched in August 2007, the Phoenix Mars Mission is the first public university-led mission to the Red Planet and the first in NASA's Mars Scout Program. It's designed to study the history of water and search for complex organisms in the ice-rich soil of Mars. Peter Smith, Principle Investigator and Senior Research Scientist for the university's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory, is responsible for all aspects of the mission. The Science Operations Center, located in Tucson, is serving as mission control.