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**‘Imiloa Has A New Rotation Of Planetarium Shows**

*3D show to showcase the fall line-up*

**Hilo, Hawai‘i** – ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center brings new planetarium shows to the Center for the fall schedule starting October 1, 2011. *Tales of the Maya Skies*, a new planetarium release, plays at 12pm, and *Awesome Light III: Chasing Celestial Mysteries* plays at 2pm will showcase the 3D technology in the world’s first 3D planetarium in Hilo. The keiki offering, *Earth, Moon and Sky*, plays every Saturday at 10am.

‘Imiloa will be dedicating the 11am time slot to the Japanese language version of the signature show *Maunakea Between: Earth and Sky*.

*Tales of the Maya Skies* presents the rich history and culture of the ancient Maya civilization at Chichén Itzá, immersing audiences in Maya science, art and mythology. With unprecedented realism *Tales of the Maya Skies* inspires and educates audiences about the Maya’s achievements in detailing how astronomy connected them to the Universe.

*Awesome Light 3 - Chasing Celestial Mysteries* is the third in the Awesome Light series exploring the observatories of Maunakea, presenting this within the context of a sacred mountain that is a symbol for Hawaiian cultural issues. This program examines how near Earth asteroids are explored with the NASA IRTF, discover how supernovae detected by UH88 teach us about the size and age of our universe, view our Milky Way galaxy in a new way with the UKIRT, and hear the personal stories of discovery and inspiration from Hawaiian students using the UHH Hōkū Kea telescope. The program uses stunning 3D stereoscopic imagery from inside these observatories combined with stunning animations to bring these stories to life.

*Earth, Moon & Sun* planetarium show explores the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun with the help of Coyote, an amusing character adapted from Native

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American oral traditions who has many misconceptions about our home planet and its most familiar neighbors. His confusion about the universe makes viewers think about how the Earth, Moon and Sun work together as a system. Native American stories are used throughout the show to help distinguish between myths and science.

**‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i** is a world-class informal science education center located on the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo campus. ‘Imiloa is a place of life-long learning where the power of Hawai‘i’s cultural traditions, its legacy of exploration and the wonders of astronomy come together to provide inspiration and hope for generations. The Center’s interactive exhibits, 3D full dome planetarium, native landscape, and programs and events engage children, families, visitors and the local community in the wonders of science and technology found in Hawai‘i. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays). For more information, visit the website at [www.imiloahawaii.org](http://www.imiloahawaii.org)

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