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New Summer Planetarium line-up at 'Imiloa

Hilo, Hawai'i -'Imiloa Astronomy Center has 2 new offerings for the summer planetarium line-up. Starting June 26 *Fragile Planet* and Sesame Street's *One World, One Sky* takes their spots in the planetarium line-up. *Fragile Planet* will be shown at 1 pm and 3 pm and *One World, One Sky* will be the Saturday 10 am keiki offering.

Fragile Planet, narrated by Sigourney Weaver, is a virtual journey from Earth to the outer reaches of the Universe and back, a journey that reveals how special Earth really is.

Earth, our only known haven for life, inhabits a special place in the cosmos. But how special? Sigourney Weaver guides audiences on an immersive excursion that will inspire a new perspective on our home world. After a close look at Earth, *Fragile Planet* visits the planets and moons in our solar system in search of hide-outs for life, and then takes in our ongoing exoplanetary exploration and extragalactic discoveries.

The visually intense program uses the latest visualization techniques to weave together observed data, including high-resolution satellite and spacecraft imagery, terrain maps, and pinpoint positioning of stars, exoplanets, and galaxies. Weaver's sensitive narration provides a poetic counterpoint to the rich visuals, and renowned giant screen composer Michael Stearns creates a deeply evocative multi-dimensional sound environment. The spectacular visuals are augmented by an audio environment that is as immersive as the imagery.

Composer and sound designer Michael Stearns has composed for numerous large-format films, including *Chronos*, *Ring of Fire*, and *To the Limit*, as well as for traditional theatrical releases including *Baraka* and *Titanic*. Stearns brings particular expertise in creating soundscapes for

immersive environments, having worked in both planetariums and “ride films,” such as Back to the Future at Universal Studios and Star Trek: The Experience for Paramount

Fragile Planet was produced by the Morrison Planetarium at the California Academy of Sciences in collaboration with the National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) and SCISS AB.

‘Imiloa returns the popular Sesame Street planetarium show, *One world One Sky: Big Bird’s Adventure*. The 20-minute planetarium show follows *Sesame Street’s* Big Bird and Elmo as they explore the night sky with Hu Hu Zhu, a Muppet from *Zhima Jie*, the Chinese co-production of *Sesame Street*. Together, they take an imaginary trip from Sesame Street to the moon, where they discover how different it is from Earth.

One World, One Sky is a brilliant spectacle of light and color as the furry friends watch the stars twinkle over Sesame Street. Children attending the show can interact as they watch, drawing constellations and counting the time it takes the sun to set. The show aims to nurture a child’s natural sense of wonder about the night sky,

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center will also offer its signature show, *Maunakea: Between Earth and Sky*, daily at 11 a.m and *Awesome Light: Seeing the Invisible* at 2 pm. Admission ticket includes the Exhibit Hall and Planetarium show. ‘Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawai‘i is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays). For more information, visit the Web site at www.imiloahawaii.org or call (808) 969-9700 (for recorded information) or 808-969-9703 if you have further questions



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