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***New Times, New Shows, More at 'Imiloa
New Daily Planetarium Schedule***

Hilo, Hawai'i – 'Imiloa Astronomy Center is adding more daily timeslots to the planetarium show schedule, adding the availability of more shows per day and new offerings for visitors to the center. Starting June 18, 2011 the planetarium daily show schedule will be 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., and the Saturday keiki show at 10 a.m.

“The new planetarium schedule offers our members, kama'āina, and traveling visitors more planetarium show options from keiki shows to featured planetarium productions, and a daily live sky presentation showcasing our 3D planetarium, enhancing the visitor experience at 'Imiloa.” states Jeff Harman marketing manager.

The new daily 3 p.m. live sky show, *Skies Over Hawai'i*, incorporates the current night sky and 3D elements. The monthly theme for June and July shows will be “Earth Debris and Satellites.” After showing the night sky from dusk to dawn, the audience will “fly” off Earth and look at satellites and debris orbiting our planet, exploring how objects humans have put into space benefit our society.

The new feature planetarium show will be *HYABUSA: Back to the Earth* showing at 11 a.m. daily. On May 9, 2003, the Japanese space probe HAYABUSA was launched atop a M-V Launch Vehicle on a mission to return a sample from the asteroid Itokawa. However, as the 2 billion kilometer mission went on, more and more technical challenges faced the tiny probe. Eventually landing on the asteroid, and after more amazing work by earth-based scientists and engineers, it returned to earth on June 13, 2010. This is the inspiring story of that “little spaceship that could!” *HYABUSA: Back to Earth* is a full dome production by Hiromitsu Kohsaka/GOTO Inc.

For children visiting the center there will be a daily noon keiki show offering. *One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure* will launch the noon time keiki time slot. 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

The Saturday 10 a.m. keiki show offering will be *Our Place in Space*, which helps the audience to solve a crossword puzzle about the sky, endangered animals explore the cause of day and night, the importance of our star the Sun, the beauty of the constellations, and the variety of objects that make up the Universe. Join Scarlet McCaw as she journeys around the world to solve a clues learning about astronomical concepts, explore our giant star the Sun with Indy the Elephant, spot your favorite constellations with Paula the Polar Bear and then Crusty Crocodile launches our trip through the solar system.

‘Imiloa Astronomy Center will also offer its signature show, *Maunakea: Between Earth and Sky*, at 1 p.m. and *Awesome Light: Big Mirrors on the Mountain* at 2 p.m. daily. 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.

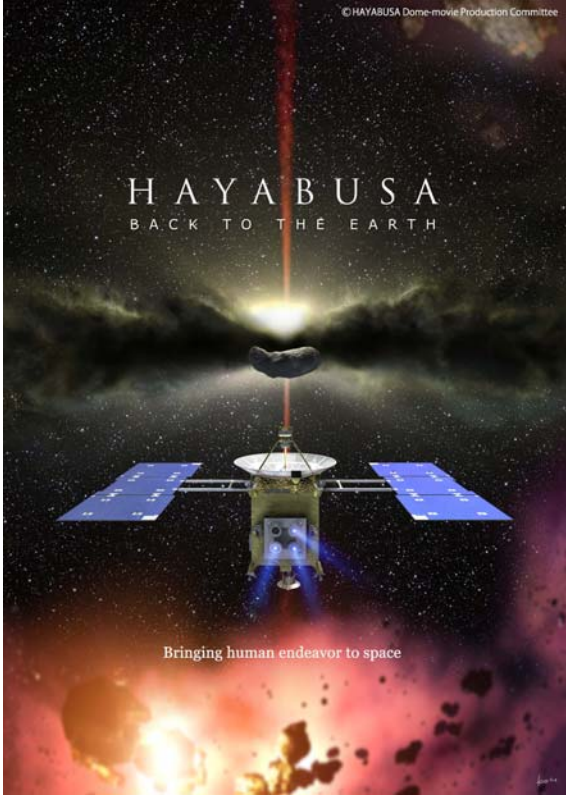


Figure 1Poster for HYABUSA: Back to the Earth

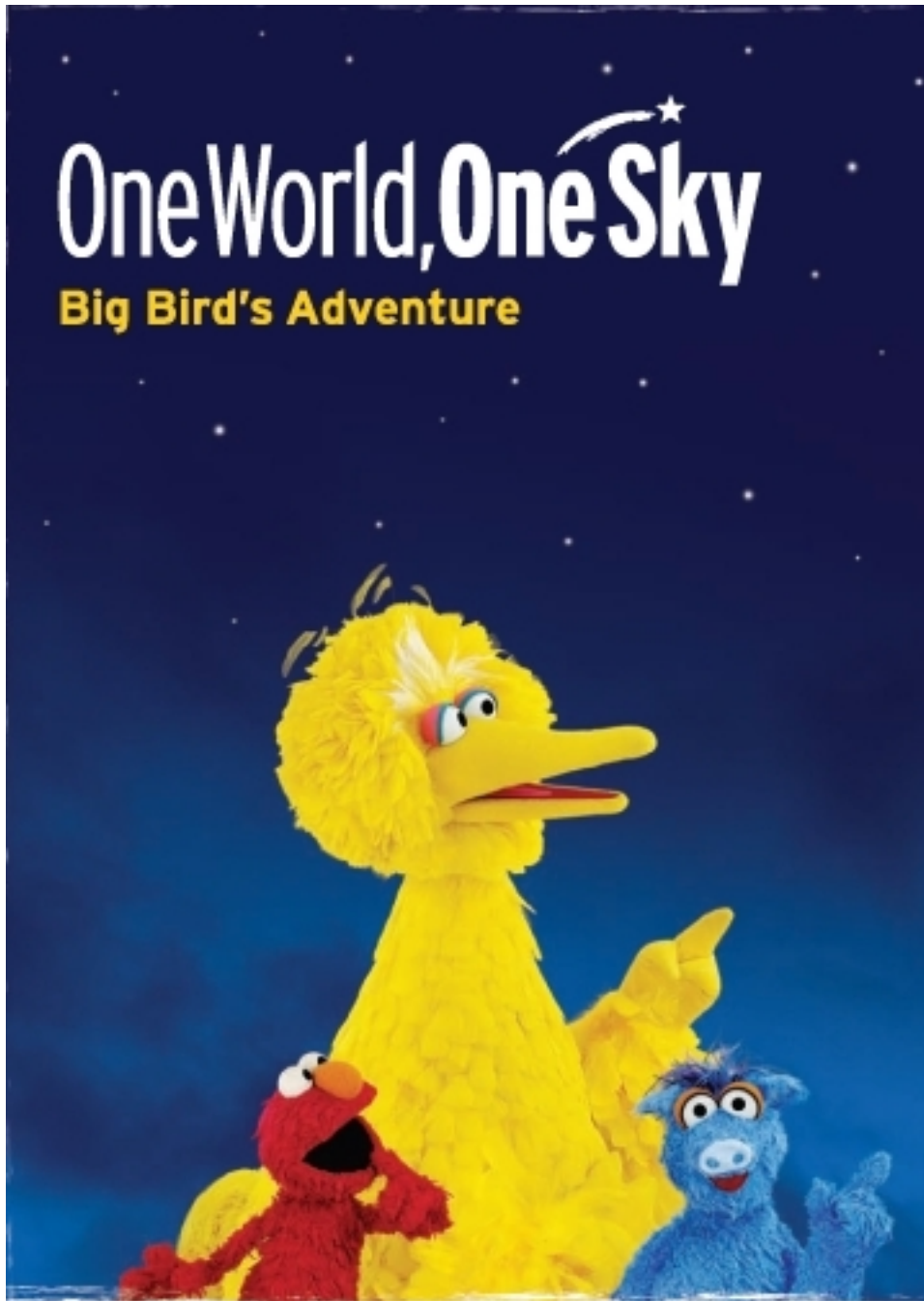


Figure 2 One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure

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