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'Imiloa's New Wild Ride!

3D show to showcase the New Year's line-up

Hilo, Hawai'i – 'Imiloa Astronomy Center premieres National Geographic's new planetarium show *Wildest Weather in the Solar System*, starting Saturday January 7, in the 12pm timeslot.

Join National Geographic on a spectacular journey to witness the most extraordinary, powerful and mysterious weather phenomena in the Solar System. Experience weather extremes in space as never before. Audiences will fly through the dense atmosphere on Venus, methane storms on Titan and centuries old anti-cyclones on Jupiter. Explore the Solar System alongside the specially designed imaginary spacecraft so sophisticated that it can take us into the fiercest of planetary cauldrons - bringing you up close with the most beautiful, powerful and mysterious weather phenomena in the Solar System. From lightning 10,000 times stronger than on Earth, to twelve-hundred miles per hour winds nearly twice the speed of sound, to five mile high dust storms that could engulf entire planets, audiences will be glad they live on Earth!

Packed with breathtaking visuals and state-of-the-art CGI, *Wildest Weather in the Solar System* is an original production for fulldome theaters and digital planetariums worldwide. It is created by National Geographic's award-winning giant-screen production team.

The daily planetarium schedule plays the Japanese language version of *Maunakea: Between Earth and Sky* at 11am time slot, and the English version of *Maunakea: Between Earth and Sky* at 1pm time slot.

Awesome Light III: Chasing Celestial Mysteries playing at 2pm showcases the 3-D technology in the world's first 3-D planetarium in Hilo. The live sky show, *Skies Above*

Hawai'i presents at 3pm. The keiki offering, *Tycho to the Moon*, plays every Saturday at 10am. The Friday Night Rock show *Dark Side of the Moon* plays at 7p.m on Friday nights.

'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



Figure 1 depiction of a storm on Venus
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