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UWM Planetarium to feature Birth of the Universe, Cupid's Constellations, and Paradise at the Planetarium for spring lineup

Manfred Olson Planetarium ties astronomy to cultures with inclusive events.

MILWAUKEE (Jan. 1, 2019) - The Manfred Olson Planetarium, located on Kenwood Avenue on the UW-Milwaukee campus, invites students to attend a variety of shows in spring 2019 to explore the wonders of the universe and culture. The planetarium team will host a variety of Friday night seasonal shows where attendees will learn about the expansive astronomical world and about different cultures around Earth.

The Spring 2019 semester will feature four different cosmic-themed shows. Three of these shows are called: Cupid's Constellations, Birth of the Universe, and Paradise at the Planetarium. These programs will feature different facts about space, various theories, stories on Greek mythology, and culture.

Birth of the Universe is the first show of the Spring semester. During this program, audience members will learn about the history of our universe. This includes evidence and theories explaining how scientists came up with their conclusions on how it all began. Birth of the Universe runs from Jan. 11-Feb. 22.

Cupid's Constellations, a Valentine's Day themed event, is the second show of the semester. This program has three parts: constellations and the Greek mythology love stories that influenced them, various beautiful phenomenons in the night sky, and stargazing on the planetarium observatory deck. Admission will include a free, small treat. There is only one show, February 14 at 8:15 p.m.

Paradise at the Planetarium, an event hosted by the Planetarium Club, is a tropical-themed event that "transports" you to the equator. View constellations such as the Southern Cross and Cassiopeia that are only visible from the equator and learn facts about the southern hemisphere. This show is taking place over Spring Break on three dates: March 1, 3, and 9.

Tickets for the public are \$5. Tickets for students with a school ID are \$4.

About the UWM Planetarium

The UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium is located on 1900 East Kenwood Boulevard in the Physics building on the corner of Kenwood Boulevard and Cramer Street as a center for astronomy education and appreciation with over 10,000 visitors annually, a variety of programs are available for the general public including AstroBreak and Friday Night Shows, as well as stargazing on select evenings throughout the year. School and private group visits are also available. Please see our website for details on all our programs.

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