¡Se fue la luz! A Night Under the Caribbean Sky

MILWAUKEE (Feb. 25, 2016) – Leave cabin fever at the door and step into an oasis of tropical delight in A Night Under the Caribbean Sky, presented by the UWM Planetarium and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS).

Live and recorded stirring percussion performances featuring Cecilio Negrón and his youth drummers from Proyecto Bembe will transport the UWM Planetarium into a cultural retreat across the Caribbean. Audiences will learn about three distinct cultures: Cuba, Haiti and Puerto Rico. The show will run Fridays from 7 to 7:55 p.m. beginning March 25 and ending May 6, 2016.

“I can’t wait to welcome all of Milwaukee to join us beyond the cruise ship ports and into the heart and soul of Caribbean culture,” said Johanna De Los Santos, co-founder of Proyecto Bembe and CLACS alumni, “I’m excited to work with a visionary Planetarium team, talented musicians and visual artists in curating this show.”

Proyecto Bembe is a local, non-profit music education program funded by the Milwaukee Public Theater and supported by CLACS. De Los Santos, joined with Julie Kline, associated director for the Center of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Jean Creighton, director of the UWM Planetarium, to bring the show to UWM.

“Partnering with Johanna and Julie has been a wonderful experience,” said Jean Creighton, “We have encouraged each other to be creative and fun. I look forward to exploring the Caribbean with my audiences.”

Kline shared in Creighton’s enthusiasm stating, “It is a pleasure to collaborate with the Planetarium as a creative way to connect new audiences with the Caribbean and Latin America.”

Tickets are $3 and can be purchased 30 minutes before show time. See the stars from a warm, breezy beach and relax under the island sky.

Audiences are encouraged to ask questions at the end of the program. The facility is family friendly and wheelchair accessible; however, shows are not recommended for children under the age of four. The show includes an indoor stargazing portion to look at familiar patterns such as the Big Dipper and less familiar ones such as Leo the Lion and Virgo. For
parking and directions, please visit the UWM Planetarium website planetarium.uwm.edu. The planetarium is open to the public.

**About the UWM Planetarium**
The UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium is located on 1900 East Kenwood Boulevard in the Physics building at the corner of Kenwood Boulevard and Cramer Street. With over 10,000 visitors annually, the Planetarium is a center for both astronomy education and appreciation. A variety of programs are available to the general public including AstroBreak, Friday night shows and stargazing on select evenings throughout the year. School and private group visits are also available. Please see our website at planetarium.uwm.edu for details on all our programs.

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