The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Planetarium Presents Nightmares in the Sky

MILWAUKEE (August 1, 2016) – This fall get immersed in the myths behind some of the night sky’s most infamous constellations in the next Friday Night Show series, Nightmares in the Sky. Uncover the dark and mysterious stories behind Greek mythology’s scariest creatures and the heroes that defeated them. This UWM Planetarium program will run every Friday from September 9 through October 14, 2016. The times are 7-7:55pm for a spooky showing and from 8:15-9:10pm for a very spooky showing. Tickets are just $3.

Stories like that of Medusa, the monster whose hair is made of snakes and could turn a man into stone with a look, have become notorious in cultures around the world for their sinister plots. The show will also go into the heritage of heroes such as Perseus who were able to slay these malevolent beasts.

“Sharing the stories of the sky’s most fearsome creatures will be fun and timely for this time of year,” said Director Jean Creighton. “I grew up in Greece so I enjoy sharing the stories of Greek mythology’s darker side with my audiences.”

After learning about myths, there will be an indoor stargazing portion to find as many heroes in the sky as you can. Search for familiar constellations such as the Big Dipper and Cassiopeia, but also less known ones such as Draco and Perseus. Come observe the stars first as you would see them in the city, then leave light pollution and observe them as you would in the country.

The audience is encouraged to ask questions they have at the end of the program. For information about parking and directions, please visit the UWM Planetarium’s website, planetarium.uwm.edu. The facility is both wheelchair accessible and family friendly; however, we will be having two separate shows for Nightmares in the Sky, one geared for families with younger children (7:00 pm), and one for adults (8:15 pm). 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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