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Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum's *African Skies Poetry Slam* honoring African-American History Month

The Adler will hold its second annual *African Skies Poetry Slam* and dance on Saturday, February 16th. Hosted by local discopoet Khari B., the poetry slam at the Adler is a spoken word contest open to local talent, with cash prizes for first, second and third places.

The event will begin with registration at 7:30 p.m. The slam will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. and end with music and dancing until 12:30 a.m. Admission for this event will be \$8.00 for the general public and \$5.00 for the performing poets. The first prize contestant will win \$150, second prize \$75 and the third prize \$50.

Khari B., the host of the *African Skies Poetry Slam* is a Chicago favorite, the self-described performance poet and “edutainer,” has been performing since the early 1990s. Khari has been an acclaimed artist and speaker on the public access television show “Needle and Thread” and has been heard on WHPK’s spoken word radio show. Since 1998 Khari has produced four successful shows at Chicago’s Hothouse featuring performances that include him and other poets, accompanied by a full band of Chicago’s Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians (AACM) Jazz Musicians.

According to Khari, “Our works without Substance are empty. Our words without work are nothing.” With uplifting, encouraging and all-around positive entertainment, Khari works to

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educate and stimulate the mind of every listener in his various audiences, which brings him to the term, “edutainer,” a fusion of educator and entertainer.

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum hours:
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

On the first Friday of each month the Adler offers special programs with extended hours from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Regular Admission:

Ultimate Universe Adventure is \$16.00 for adults, \$15.00 for seniors 65 and older and \$14.00 for children 4 – 17.

This package includes admission and the choice of two sky shows.

Galaxy Passport is \$13.00 for adults, \$12.00 for seniors 65 and older and \$11.00 for children 4 – 17. This package includes admission and choice of sky shows.

The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum is the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. Its astronomy programs have reached over 35 million people during the past 71 years. Seven state-of-the-art exhibition galleries located in the stunning new Sky Pavilion and the recently renovated landmark 1930s building present modern space exploration along with the history of astronomy. The world’s first StarRider™ Theater, the most technologically advanced, audience-interactive planetarium, fuels the imagination of visitors during virtual flights through the cosmos. With a staff of over 200, the Adler pursues its mission to present the human quest to better understand the universe. Adler scientists and historians, who hold joint appointments at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, are working at the forefront of research in astronomy and its fascinating history. The Adler is leading the way into the new “Space Millennium.”

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