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Georgia Southern University's Department of Physics presents "Let It Snow – A Holiday Music Journey" on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Planetarium in the Math/Physics building. Show times are at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., and seating is limited. Admission to the holiday show is free; however, people are encouraged to bring non-perishable food that will be collected for the Statesboro Food Bank.

"The show features a variety of classics from Frank Sinatra, Chuck Berry, Burl Ives, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and other artists set to fun and colorful animation," said Planetarium Director Clayton Heller, Ph.D. "We hope this wonderful holiday show will become a family tradition at the Planetarium."

After the 30 minute full dome video, there will be a live star show using the

Planetarium's new Digistar 4 immersive projection system. This holiday sky presentation will point out what people can see in the sky during December including constellations, Jupiter, the Andromeda galaxy and the Geminid Meteor Shower.

The Statesboro Astronomy Club will offer a telescope workshop in the lobby. Its members will provide instructions on telescope operation and viewing. If weather permits, people can go to the rooftop of the Math/Physics building and look through several telescopes to see the moon, Jupiter and other celestial objects. "This is a great opportunity for families to have some fun, holiday entertainment along with bringing the excitement of astronomy and the night sky to their children," added Heller.

Each year the Planetarium hosts approximately 10,000 students and visitors who learn about science, astronomy and space. The University replaced the bleacher style seats in the Planetarium last summer and installed state-of-the-art seating with armrests and adjustable backs giving guests a better and more comfortable view of shows on the dome.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 120 degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. In 2011, the University was named one of the Top 10 most popular universities in the country by U.S. News & World Report and is a top choice of Georgia's HOPE scholars. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered approach to education.

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