

Galilean Nights Event ID: gn1,263

Number of telescopes: 12

Number of organisers: 7

Number of attendees: 300

Event photos: Please visit <http://esteladecometa.blogspot.com> or www.elviajedelcometa.com, or <http://experiencia.indigobrainmedia.com/web/piensa/edicion126/>.

For specific pictures of the November 15th event, please contact loscometas@hotmail.com. We are currently traveling and will be able to send specific pictures after January 15, 2010.

Event Report:

The event took place on Sunday, November 15th at the La Paz, Baja California pier. We were installed by 6:00 p.m. and stayed until midnight. The location was ideal in that it attracts hundreds of people on Sundays. The night was clear but no moon could be visible. We saw Jupiter and its four moons, the Pleiades, Andromeda, Taurus with Aldebaran & the Orion Nebula. Using laser pointers we drew the winter constellations and told their mythological stories to the attendees. Simultaneously, a giant screen was placed on the street leading to the pier, and the science fiction animation film "Fantastic Planet" by René Laloux was projected. Fifty chairs were installed and during most of the evening were occupied by a revolving audience. This was our latest community outreach effort, part of a nine year long (since 2002) ongoing project to reach remote communities in Mexico. Our non-profit project is entitled "Astronomy through Mexico". We have visited over 100 disadvantaged communities all over Mexico, speaking to thousands of adults and children, mostly in Unitarian schools (one teacher for all grades), Town Plazas and even churches. To learn more about this project and view hundreds of pictures, please visit <http://esteladecometa.blogspot.com>. To view a trailer of a recently released documentary about our latest trip, please visit www.elviajedelcometa.com. A Spanish only on-line article with recorded interviews can also be watched at <http://experiencia.indigobrainmedia.com/web/piensa/edicion126/>.