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NOVALIMA ANNOUNCES NEW ALBUM AND INTERNATIONAL TOUR

The pioneering Afro-Peruvian sound system Novalima returns with Planetario, a new release on Brooklyn's Wonderwheel Recordings, and international touring launching in June.

April 2015 - From their humble start, file-sharing musical ideas and producing their first album in separate countries during the dawn of the internet, Novalima is now a live musical force revered worldwide for breaking boundaries and uniting seemingly irreconcilable genres, communities, and generations. They have created an inspiring movement and revolutionized the music scene in their native Peru by bridging a longstanding divide between the mainstream and the minority Afro-Peruvian community, who have struggled against discrimination and cultural dissolution for generations.

Over the last two years, Novalima created their newest offering, *Planetario* to be released **June 16th** on **Wonderwheel Recordings**. The album's name signals Novalima's musical growth and international connections – much of the album was recorded on tour when they collaborated with top local and international musicians. There is a strong connection to **Colombia** created through a remarkable recording session in **Bogota** organized by members of **La-33** including **Sidestepper** vocalist **Eka Muñoz**, **Pernett** and **La Mamba Negra**. The album also has offerings from global artists such as **Marc de Clive Lowe** (UK/NZ), **Panko** from **Ojos de Brujo** (Spain), and **Kumar** (Cuban rapper based in Barcelona).

The album's debut single, "**Como Yo**" (to be released **May 19th** on digital single and 7" vinyl) honors the legendary Peruvian percussionist and longtime band member **Mangué Vasquez** who passed away in 2014. Not one for sentimentality, Mangué implored his friends to celebrate his life with song and dance when he passed rather than shed any tears. The life affirming lyrics are underscored by rolling percussion,

twinkling synths, and a celebratory sing-song chant chorus: *Gozen la vida como yo - Enjoy life, like I do.*

Novalima has garnered worldwide critical acclaim from mainstream (**NPR, UK Guardian, Wall Street Journal, La Presse, Metro, Billboard**) and underground media (**Giant Step, Remezcla, Nat Geo**) alike, delivered legendary performances around the world at festivals such as **Roskilde, WOMAD, Pirineos Sur, NYC Central Park, Montreal Jazz Festival** and **Chicago's Millennium Park**, earned a **Latin Grammy** nomination for **Best Alternative Album**, and were featured in cult filmmaker **Robert Rodriguez's** hit Mexploitation movie ***Machete***.

For their upcoming year of international touring Novalima has designed a brand new live show that will debut in **Lima** as part of the country's celebration of 100 years of Afro-Peruvian culture.

Novalima's international tour begins in North America this June. Confirmed dates are listed below:

PLANETARIO TOUR

JUNE

- 19 - Chattanooga, TN - Nightfall Concert Series
- 20 - Chicago, IL - Taste of Randolph
- 21 - Minneapolis, MN - Cedar Cultural Center
- 25 - Washington, DC - U Street Music Hall
- 26 - Brooklyn, NY - Knitting Factory
- 27 - 2015 Londonderry, VT - Frenly Gathering
- 28 - 2015 Schenectady, NY - Music Haven Concert Series

JULY

- 02 - Portsmouth, NH - 3S Artspace
- 03 - Bethlehem, NH - Colonial Theatre
- 17 - Hamilton, ON - Hamilton World Music Festival
- 18 - Toronto, ON - Harbourfront Center

AUGUST

- 06 - Seattle, WA - Nectar Lounge
- 08 - Tidewater, OR - Beloved
- 09 - Ashland, OR - Ashland Armory
- 14 - Oakland, CA - Leo's
- 15 - San Francisco, CA - The Independent

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