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THE WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM PRESENTS FILMS AND PROGRAMS FOR AUGUST
***Fantasia* to be Screened Three Times Daily**



San Francisco, CA – July 2, 2012—Experience the stunning symphonic masterpiece film *Fantasia* (1940) at The Walt Disney Family Museum (WDFM) throughout the month of August.

Fantasia was a critical turning point for Walt Disney's career. While the Disney audiences were no strangers to the marriage of music and animation thanks to the *Silly Symphonies*, *Fantasia* differed in tone and scope—rather than utilizing music to enhance visual images, it was the experience of music itself, made visual. The unprecedented musical masterpiece also featured the

talent of renowned conductor Leopold Stokowski, and led to the development of the stereophonic surround sound system—called Fantasound—the first of its kind.

Since its opening, *Fantasia* has garnered critical acclaim, and is still considered one of the greatest and most innovative animated films to this day. Immerse yourself in the synesthetic classic of “sheer fantasy” in the Museum's *Fantasia*-inspired theater daily at 11am, 1:30pm, and 4pm.

SCREENINGS + DISCUSSIONS

Film of the Month: *Fantasia* (1940)

Screens daily at 11am, 1:30pm, and 4pm (except Tuesdays and August 18 & 25)

Free for members or with Museum admission | General: \$7 adult, \$5 youth

Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary

The Bridge on the Big Screen: Movies Starring the Golden Gate Bridge

A View to a Kill

Saturday, August 18 at 6pm | Theater

Free on a first come, first served basis, tickets available at 10am.

Featured speaker Jim Van Buskirk will introduce the film with a special presentation titled *On Location: the Golden Gate Bridge on the Silver Screen*. The Golden Gate Bridge has starred in more movies than any other American architectural icon. From *Stranded* (1935) to *The Rise of the Planet of the Apes* (2011), the iconic span appears in a wide range of films including *Dark Passage*, *Superman*, *Star Trek*, *Time After Time*, *It Came from Beneath the Sea*, *Love Bug*, *A View to a Kill*, *Monsters vs. Aliens*, *Interview with a Vampire*, and *X-Men*. In honor of its 75th anniversary, Van Buskirk, author of *Celluloid San Francisco*, offers a clip-filled program of hilariously horrifying depictions of the Bay Area's beloved bridge. After the presentation we will be screening *A View to a Kill* (1985).

Walt Disney's Big Little Books

Saturday, August 25 at 3pm | Theater

General: \$12 adult, \$9 youth | Members: \$10 adult, \$7 youth

In celebration of National Book Week, Disney author and historian J.B. Kaufman will discuss Disney's Big Little Books. In discussing how these little gems were assembled, Kaufman will use clips from early Disney films and comic strips to show how original stories often went through interesting adaptations as they were reworked to fit the small book medium.

Look Closer: The Herman Schultheis Notebook

Friday, August 24; Saturday, August 25; and Sunday, August 26

11am, 1pm, & 3pm | Gallery 5

Free with Museum admission

The Look Closer spotlight presentations offer little-known facts, anecdotes, and visuals about works from the Museum's collection.

SPECIAL EXHIBITION

Heinrich Kley: From Fantasy to Fantasia

Through September 16, 2012 | Theater Gallery

Free with Museum admission.

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The Walt Disney Family Museum is also pleased to present the special exhibition *Heinrich Kley: From Fantasy to Fantasia* featuring drawings by Heinrich Kley—Walt Disney's most admired European illustrator—paired with art from Disney's famed animated film *Fantasia* (1940). On view through September 16, this exhibition features 24 drawings and three amazing scrapbooks by Kley, alongside more than 20 Disney works, including sketches, concept art, and maquettes from the Walt Disney classic film *Fantasia*. The Kley artworks, from Walt's personal collection, are on view for the first time as a collection in the United States.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Animate Your Night: Hippos and Demons and Mice . . . Oh, Kley!

Friday, August 24 | 7–10pm | Museum-wide

General: \$10 | Members: \$5

Enjoy a cocktail and some small bites, experience the galleries in a whole new light, and illuminate your imagination with music, performance, film screenings, and hands-on art activities celebrating the special exhibition *Heinrich Kley: From Fantasy to Fantasia*.

CLASSES + ACTIVITIES

Open Studio

Saturday, August 4 and Sunday, August 5

1–3pm (drop-in activity) | Learning Center Art Studio

Free with Museum admission.

Come experience, explore, and experiment with us in Open Studio. Every first weekend of the month we will be experimenting with different art forms such as performance, fine art, and design. The possibilities are endless.

Disney Discoveries!

Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12

1–3pm | Learning Center

Free with Museum admission.

Discover the inspiring worlds of Disney's *Fantasia*. Join us in the Learning Center to create innovative art projects using sheet music, recycled materials, and a brushstroke of imagination.

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ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Walt Disney Family Museum presents the fascinating story and achievements of Walt Disney, the man who raised animation to an art, transformed the film industry, tirelessly pursued innovation, and created a global and distinctively American legacy. Opened in October 2009, the 40,000 square foot facility features the newest technology and historic materials and artifacts to bring Disney's achievements to life, with interactive galleries that include early drawings and animation, movies, music, listening stations, a spectacular model of Disneyland and much more.

Hours: 10am to 6pm, Wednesdays through Monday; closed on Tuesdays and the following public holidays: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Tickets: Free for members | General: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students, \$12 youth under 17, free for children 5 and under

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