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THE WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM PRESENTS JULY FILM AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS The Sword in the Stone



San Francisco, CA – June 11, 2012—During the month of July, The Walt Disney Family Museum is screening feature-length animated film *The Sword in the Stone*. Adapted from T. H. White's novel of the same name, *The Sword in the Stone* is Disney's take on a classic tale, bringing the story of King Arthur's boyhood to life.

The Sword in the Stone is one of only three fully animated features of the 1960s. Originally released in 1963, it is the last animated feature released in Walt's lifetime, and the second to last animated film he produced. Filled with contemporary references, comedy, and music, The Sword in the Stone reflects Walt's unique ability to transpose almost any story into a fantastic visual masterpiece. Walt's masterful storytelling magically transforms the medieval legend of Merlin the magician, by infusing the classic tale with a

dose of his distinctive humor and wit.

FILM SCREENINGS

The Sword in the Stone (1963)

Screens daily at 1 and 4 p.m. (except Tuesdays, and July 14 and 20)

Admission to the film is free with Museum admission, or \$7 general; \$5 under 17 without Museum admission.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Heinrich Kley and Company: European Influences on Disney

An illustrated lecture with John Canemaker Saturday, July 14 at 3 p.m. | Theater Gallery

General: \$12 adult; \$9 under 17 Members: \$10 adult; \$7 under 17

Academy Award®-winning animation filmmaker, author, and historian John Canemaker presents an overview of the various European aesthetic influences that found their way into Disney feature films. Canemaker spotlights the contributions of European artists who worked at the studio, discusses the anthropomorphic art of Heinrich Kley and J.J. Grandville, as well as the expressionistic silent films of German director F.W. Murnau, and explores how these sources inspired Walt in the creation of the visual style of early Disney features, such as *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *Pinocchio*, and *Fantasia*.

Golden Gate Bridge 75th Anniversary

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

Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home

Saturday, July 21 at 6 p.m. | Theater Gallery

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

Come see Kirk and his crew travel to San Francisco in this 1986 American science fiction film screened in the Walt Disney Family Museum's *Fantasia*-inspired theater.

Animate Your Night: Ready, Steady, Go!
Friday, July 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. | Museum-wide

General: \$10 adult

Members: \$5 adult

Experience the galleries in a whole new light and illuminate your imagination with cocktails, music, performance, film screenings and hands-on art activities. Come eat, drink, and create... and animate

your night!

THE PRESIDIO GAMES on the Main Post Lawn

Sunday, July 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Main Post Lawn/Presidio

Bring your family for a day filled with fun and games. In honor of the 2012 Summer Olympics, the Walt Disney Family Museum has partnered with Sports Basement, the YMCA, SenSpa, and others to host this special event featuring a bicycle rodeo, a circuits course, hoola-hooping, kite flying, and more. Join in the fun and let the games begin!

11 a.m.: Opening Ceremony

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Games and Festivities

1:30 p.m.: Closing Ceremony

Participation is free.

Look Closer: The Olympic Torch Friday, July 27; Saturday, July 28; and Sunday, July 29

11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m. | Gallery 9 Free with Museum admission.

PERFORMANCES

Comedy Magic with Robert Strong
July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 3 p.m. | Theater Gallery

Free with Museum admission.

Join us every Sunday in July, for a 20-minute Comedy Magic Show with Robert Strong! Robert has been twice voted "San Francisco's Best Comedian" and is sure to leave you mystified by his tricks.

CLASSES + ACTIVITIES Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8 Open Studio

1–3 p.m. (drop-in program) | 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.

Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15 Disney Discoveries!

1–3 p.m. | Learning Center Free with Museum admission.

Join us in celebrating the start of the 2012 Summer Olympics by making your own Olympic medals and torches.

SUMMER CAMP

Monday, July 9–Friday, July 13 Imagination Design Studio

9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Ages 9-11

\$350 general; \$315 Museum members

Registration required: education@wdfmuseum.org or 415.345.6814

Campers create a world of illusion and fun by building a mini theme park of the imagination! Using Walt Disney's dream and the Museum's Disneyland model as inspiration, each camper creates his or her own attraction and learns what it's like to be an Imagineer.

Monday, July 16–Friday, July 20 Direct Your Own True Life Adventure

9 a.m.–4 p.m. | Ages 11–13

\$360 general; \$325 Museum members

Registration required: education@wdfmuseum.org or 415.345.6814

Using soundtrack, editing, and state-of-the-art camera technology, campers explore the fascinating world of documentary film in the Museum's backyard—San Francisco's scenic Presidio. Capture the ever-evolving landscape, climate, architecture, people, and every day hustle and bustle of this beautiful historic park.

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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: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays through Monday; closed on Tuesdays and the following public

holidays: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Tickets: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and students, and \$12 children ages 6 to 17;

Admission is free for <u>members</u>.

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