



Celebrate July's Full Moon at the Walt Disney Family Museum

See the Disney movie comedy that troubled J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI

The Presidio, San Francisco, CA (June 15, 2011) – The [Walt Disney Family Museum](#) celebrates July's gorgeous full moon and Walt's fascination with outer space with the month-long showing of *Moon Pilot* on the big screen of the Museum's state-of-the-art theater, and a special program about Walt's work to build support for the U.S. Space Program.

Moon Pilot was a very topical film when released in 1962. Filmed in San Francisco, this 98-minute Disney sci-fi comedy manages to launch satirical barbs at the very tense U.S. – Russia 'space race' of the era. The movie prompted complaints from legendary FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover about the depiction of 'G-men' in the film and generated 22 pages of FBI memos concerning the film and Hoover's displeasure with the script.

In the movie, Astronaut Capt. Richmond Talbot inadvertently volunteers to make the first manned flight around the moon. He is ordered to keep the upcoming moon flight a secret, even from his family. Due to the secrecy of the mission, he is put under the watchful protection of various security agencies.

Moon Pilot is Academy Award-winner Sally Field's first film appearance (un-credited) – she can be seen as a beatnik in a crowd scene - and the first America film appearance of French bombshell Dany Saval as Lyrae. Tom Tyron, Edmund O'Brien, Tommy Kirk and Brian Keith also star. *Moon Pilot* will be screened July 1-31, Wednesday through Monday, at 1 and 4pm (except July 16, 17 + 23): \$5 for children and \$7 for adults.

On Saturday July 23, as the full moon wanes, Disney historian and author Jim Korkis will present 'Walt's Fascination with Outer Space,' an hour-long program discussing Walt's interest in outer space and how he helped build support for the U.S. Space Program. Walt as a visionary and futurist, and his scientific and cultural contributions will also be examined and excerpts from the *Disneyland* television series will be shown. 'Walt's Fascination with Outer Space' begins at 3pm in the Museum's state-of-the-art theater; \$10.00 for adult WDFM members (\$7/child), and \$12 for adult non-members (\$9/child). For tickets, please visit: www.waltdisney.org or call 415-345-6800.

ABOUT THE WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM

The fascinating and inspiring story of Walt Disney, whose artistry, imagination and vision helped define 20th-century America, has been brought to life at The Walt Disney Family Museum in The Presidio of San Francisco. The 40,000 square foot Museum illuminates Walt Disney's tremendous successes, disappointments, and unyielding optimism as he worked tirelessly to enhance the art of animation. Explore Walt's remarkable life through interactive galleries that feature early drawings and animation,

movies, music, listening stations, a 14 foot model of Disneyland and much more. The Walt Disney Family Museum, L.L.C. is owned and operated by the Walt Disney Family Foundation, a non-profit foundation.

Hours: 10am to 6pm, Wednesdays through Monday; closed on Tuesdays, January 1, Thanksgiving Day, and December 25.

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$12 for children ages 6 to 17. Admission is free for [members](#).

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