



Walt Disney's Recently Discovered Cartoons To Be Screened at SF Silent Film Festival, July 16

*Walt Disney Family Museum and
New York's MOMA present Laugh-O-grams*



The Presidio, San Francisco, CA (May 25, 2011) – Disney historian and author J.B. Kaufman, will introduce six of Walt Disney's first cartoons, including two recently discovered and restored by New York's Museum of Modern Art, when screened at July's Silent Film Festival at San Francisco's legendary Castro Theatre, July 16, 2011, courtesy of [The Walt Disney Family Museum](http://www.waltdisneyfamilymuseum.org) and MOMA. Walt's first company, Kansas City-based Laugh-O-gram Films, created black and white animated silent shorts based on classic fairytales.

'Jack the Giant Killer' and 'Goldie Locks and the Three Bears,' created in 1922, were re-discovered in 2010, mislabeled and languishing in MOMA archives for several decades. Carefully restored, they will be screened along with 'Little Red Riding Hood,' Walt's first narrative cartoon, 'The Four Musicians of Bremen,' both from 1922, and 'Newman's Laugh-O-grams' a sample reel created in 1921 to sell concurrent topical cartoon series. Despite Walt's dedication to Laugh-O-gram Films, his company declared bankruptcy in 1922, prompting the 21-year-old to move to Hollywood, CA.

The Laugh-O-gram films will be screened with musical accompaniment from the theatre's mighty Wurlitzer organ.

For tickets and more information please visit: <http://www.castrotheatre.com/tickets.html>

ABOUT THE WALT DISNEY FAMILY MUSEUM

The fascinating and inspiring story of Walt Disney, whose artistry 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 pursued innovation and excellence that is still entertaining generations worldwide. Interactive galleries and state-of-the-art exhibits are narrated in Walt's own voice and feature rare drawings, animation, movies, music, and more. The Walt Disney Family Museum, L.L.C. is owned and operated by the Walt Disney Family Foundation, a non-profit foundation.

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