



**Special Programming Focuses on the Holidays
at The Walt Disney Family Museum**

*The Premiere of a Special Holiday Film
"Christmas with Walt Disney"
Populates the state-of-the-art Digital Theater*

**The Walt Disney Family Museum invites Disney Legends Blaine Gibson,
Rolly Crump, and Richard Sherman to Come Share Their Memories of Walt**

San Francisco, October 23, 2009 – Throughout the month of December, celebrate the holiday season as The Walt Disney Family Museum premieres a special holiday film, *Christmas with Walt Disney*. Highlights of December's festivities also include a concert by the String Circle Quarter on December 12, and a candlelit Christmas program with the Artists' Vocal Ensemble on December 19 and 20. In addition to this, Disney legends Blaine Gibson, Rolly Crump, and Richard Sherman come together to share their special memories of Walt on his birthday, December 5.

Most screenings and lectures will be held in the museum's 114-seat auditorium, which features murals of Mickey Mouse as the Sorcerer's Apprentice. Exceptions are noted in the following pages.

What: The Walt Disney Family Museum December 2009 Public Programs

Where: The Walt Disney Family Museum
104 Montgomery Street, The Presidio of San Francisco
San Francisco, CA 94129

Admissions: Various: check Website for details.

When: Various: see below

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**The Walt Disney Family Museum
December 2009 Events Calendar**

CONCERTS

December 12th - String Circle Quartet

4:00pm, Special Exhibition Hall, 122 Riley Avenue
tickets available online at www.waltdisney.org

Concerts in our Special Exhibition Hall continue to shine light on composers of *Fantasia* with Schubert's String Quartet in G. Henry Purcell's delightful Suite from *The Faery Queen*—a bit of musical fantasy—is also performed. Joseph Edelberg, Anthony Martin, and Kati Kyme, violins, and Thalia Moore, cello.

December 19th and 20th - Artists' Vocal Ensemble Concert: A Candlelight Christmas

4:00pm, Special Exhibition Hall, 122 Riley Avenue
tickets available online at www.waltdisney.org

Nothing is more magical than a choir performing classic Christmas songs and carols. Our candlelight program will include European Renaissance motets and carols, contemporary American carols and anthems, and an audience sing-along led by Jonathan Dimmock.

FILM

Film of the Month: *Christmas with Walt Disney*

Christmas with Walt Disney runs until January 4

12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, Theater

(except Tuesdays, December 25, January 1, and December 5th at 12:30pm and 3:30pm)

tickets available online at www.waltdisney.org

This special holiday screening includes *The Nutcracker Suite* from *Fantasia* (1940), *Pluto's Christmas Tree* (1952), scenes from the television Christmas specials, and rarely seen home movies of Walt and his family. See how Walt celebrated Christmas at the Studio, at Disneyland, and at home.

LECTURE

December 5th - Memories of Walt: A Conversation with Legends

2:00pm, Theater

tickets available online at www.waltdisney.org

Join us on Walt's birthday as we hear from Disney Legends Blaine Gibson, Rolly Crump, and Richard Sherman as they share special memories of Walt. Blaine is the sculptor behind the Hall of Presidents, Rolly is one of the Imagineers behind "It's a Small World" and "Haunted Mansion" and Richard wrote such Disney music classics as "It's a Small World" and "Chim Chim Cher-ee". It will be an extraordinary afternoon filled with stories, laughter, and reflection.

December 25th – Christmas Day

Museum is closed