



**Screenings and Lectures focus on *Sleeping Beauty*  
at The Walt Disney Family Museum**

*A Classic Animated Fairy Tale and Premiere of a Special Holiday Film  
Populate the state-of-the-art Theater*

**The Walt Disney Family Museum partners with the San Francisco  
International Animation Festival to present a selection of Alice Comedies**

San Francisco, **October 15, 2009** – Throughout the month of November, celebrate the visually stunning animated feature, *Sleeping Beauty* as The Walt Disney Family Museum commemorates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this classic cinematic achievement. Highlights of November's festivities include a screening of *Sleeping Beauty* from November 1-20 to lectures pertaining to the unique art and design that brought Princess Aurora to life. In addition, learn about the design and creation of Disneyland's spectacular Sleeping Beauty's Castle.

Moving into the holiday season, festivities include the premiere of *Christmas with Walt Disney*. This special holiday film showcases Walt Disney's Christmases past with scenes from Walt's "Nutcracker Suite" from *Fantasia* (1940), *Pluto's Christmas Tree* (1952), clips from the television Christmas specials, and rarely seen home movies of Walt at home with his family. Screenings begin on November 27 and run through December.

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 November 2009 Public Events

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**

## November 2009 Events Calendar

### FILM

#### **Film of the Month: *Sleeping Beauty***

**Sleeping Beauty runs until November 20th**

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

tickets available online at [www.waltdisney.com](http://www.waltdisney.com)

The classic fairy tale of a princely kiss awaking a beautiful princess from a deep sleep is the subject of Walt Disney's *Sleeping Beauty*. Throughout the month of November, relive or discover for the first time the visually stunning animated feature, *Sleeping Beauty* as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this incredible film.

#### **November 14 - International Animation Festival and the Screening of the Alice Comedies**

Landmark Theatres Embarcadero Center Cinema

tickets available on the SF Film Society website at [www.sffs.org/content.aspx?pageid=1394](http://www.sffs.org/content.aspx?pageid=1394)

Walt Disney's first successful series of films, the Alice Comedies, were built around a clever special-effects idea: a real little girl entering a cartoon world and interacting with the cartoon characters.

The Walt Disney Family Museum will partner with the San Francisco International Animation Festival to present these charming films. A selection of the Alice Comedies can be seen during the Festival on Saturday, November 14 at the Embarcadero Cinema.

#### **November 27 - Christmas with Walt Disney (*Special Holiday Film Begins*)**

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

tickets available online at [www.waltdisney.com](http://www.waltdisney.com)

Walt Disney's Christmases past are remembered in this special holiday screening that includes Walt's "*Nutcracker Suite*" from *Fantasia* (1940), *Pluto's Christmas Tree* (1952), scenes from the television Christmas specials, and rarely seen home movies of Walt at home with his family. See how Walt celebrated this beloved holiday at the Studio, at Disneyland, and at home.

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### LECTURE

#### **November 21 - The Art of *Sleeping Beauty* with Lella Smith**

3:00 pm, Theater

tickets available online at [www.waltdisney.com](http://www.waltdisney.com)

The rich tapestry appearance is the visual hallmark of *Sleeping Beauty* and the primary vision of animator Eyvind Earle. Lella Smith, Creative Director of Walt Disney Animation Studios Research Library, will discuss the unique art and design that brought Princess Aurora and her magical world to life 50 years ago.

#### **November 22 - Sleeping Beauty's Castle and Beyond: The Designs and Art of Herb Ryman**

3:00 pm, Theater

tickets available online at [www.waltdisney.org](http://www.waltdisney.org)

The first glimpse of the gleaming white towers of "Sleeping Beauty's Castle" is a moment that few forget. But, who designed Disneyland's most recognizable landmark and the dream home of many a prince and princess? Here is the opportunity to discover the creativity of an early Imagineer, Herb Ryman, from Marty Sklar, former International Ambassador for Walt Disney Imagineering.

Mr. Sklar, who was with the Walt Disney Company and Walt Disney Imagineering for 53 years, will talk about the extraordinary talent of Herb Ryman that went beyond his work at Disneyland by sharing his art and designs.

#### **November 26 - Thanksgiving Day Museum is closed**