

Walt Disney Joins the War Effort – Special Veterans' Day Screenings

'The 11th Hour: A Sampling of Shorts from World War II' – Walt Disney's WWII cartoons featuring Goofy, Donald and Pluto



The Presidio, San Francisco, CA (October 12, 2011) – On Veterans' Day, November 11, [The Walt Disney Family Museum](#) presents nine animated cartoons created by Walt Disney to support America during World War II. These classic films, created from 1940-45, feature beloved Disney characters Goofy, Donald and Pluto as they entertain and educate about managing shortages, and encourage Americans to create 'Victory Gardens' and pay their taxes.

The one-hour screenings of *'The 11th Hour: A Sampling of Shorts from World War II'* takes place in the Museum's *Fantasia*-inspired big screen theatre throughout the day, beginning at 11am and is free with paid admission. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$12 for children ages 6 to 17. For tickets and more information, please visit www.waltdisney.org.

The day after Pearl Harbor was attacked, the U.S. Army moved into the Disney Studio lot in Burbank, California to house troops assigned to protect a nearby Lockheed aircraft plant. Walt Disney himself was recruited by the government to create training films for the military, which made up more than 90% of the company's production during the war years, nearly bankrupting the Studio.

'The 11th Hour: A Sampling of Shorts from World War II' featured cartoons starring Donald Duck, who was extremely popular at the time, include:

- *The Vanishing Private* (1942) – Starring Donald Duck doing camouflage painting on a cannon.
- *Fall Out/Fall In* (1943) – Featuring Private Donald Duck marching with the Army.
- *Sky Trooper* (1942) – Donald pulls K.P. duty and gets into mischief peeling potatoes.
- *Donald Gets Drafted* (1942) – Reveals that Donald's full name is Donald Fauntleroy Duck and introduces the song 'The Army's Not the Army Anymore.'

Walt Disney also made dozens of animated shorts to educate and train. *'The 11th Hour: A Sampling of Shorts from World War II'* also includes:

- *Victory Vehicles* (1943) – Goofy demonstrates different types of vehicles to use during the war's rubber shortage, finally determining that pogo sticks are the best option.
- *How To Be a Sailor* (1944) – One of Goofy's many 'how to' cartoons; in this short, Goofy demonstrates the history of water transport, from the first prehistoric use of floating logs to the modern battleship.
- *Food Will Win the War* (1942) – Commissioned by the US Dept of Agriculture to encourage the creation of 'Victory Gardens.'
- *The Army Mascot* (1942) – Pluto outwits a goat to become the new Army Mascot.

- *Private Pluto* (1943) – While in the army, Pluto is antagonized by two chipmunks, precursors for Chip 'n' Dale.

Those coming to the special Veterans' Day screenings will also enjoy the Museum's [Gallery Six](#) , which provides a more in-depth look at Walt's involvement in World War II, along with art, insignias, posters and film clips, created to support America's efforts.

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 14-foot model of Disneyland and much more.

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](#). Movies are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children.

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