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Mummies in the Movies Matinee Film Series Begins Feb. 17

TOLEDO, Ohio – Coinciding with its exhibition *The Mummies: From Egypt to Toledo*, the Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) presents a themed Saturday matinee film series called "He Went for a Little Walk: Mummies in the Movies" from Feb. 17 through May 5, 2018. Each film screening begins at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater.

The first film in the series is *The Mummy*, a 1932 feature film starring Boris Karloff, which is considered to be the pinnacle of mummy cinema. Additional films by Universal Studios and Hammer Films, as well as an array of comedy, horror, and family-friendly feature and short films are also included. The series demonstrates how mummies and ancient Egypt have been depicted in popular culture throughout the decades from the 1930s through the early 2000s.

The schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 17: *The Mummy* (1932, 74 minutes, not rated)
- Feb. 24: *The Mummy's Hand* (1940, 67 minutes, not rated) and *The Mummy's Tomb* (1942, 61 minutes, not rated)
- March 3: *The Mummy's Ghost* (1944, 61 minutes, not rated) and *The Mummy's Curse* (1944, 61 minutes, not rated)
- March 10: *The Mummy* (1959, 88 minutes, not rated)
- March 17: *The Curse of the Mummy's Tomb* (1964, 81 minutes, not rated)
- March 24: *The Mummy's Shroud* (1967, 90 minutes, not rated)
- April 7: *Blood from the Mummy's Tomb* (1971, 94 minutes, PG)
- April 14: *The Night of Counting the Years, aka The Mummy* (1969, 102 minutes, not rated)
- April 21: *The Mummy* (1999, 124 minutes, PG-13)
- April 28: *Bubba Ho-Tep* (2002, 92 minutes, R)
- May 5: *Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy* (1955, 80 minutes, not rated) plus family-friendly short films [NOTE: This family event is free to the public]

Tickets for the films are free for Museum members and \$5 for nonmembers (discounts available when purchased as ticket bundles). Visit toledomuseum.org or call the Information Desk at (419) 255-8000 ext. 7448 during Museum hours for more information.

Before or after the films, visitors are encouraged to view *The Mummies: From Egypt to Toledo*, which is on display through May 6, 2018 in Canaday Gallery.

TMA founders Edward Drummond and Florence Scott Libbey visited Egypt in 1906, where they purchased a collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts. Among this array was a pair of human mummies, *Young Priest* and *Old Man*.

The Mummies: From Egypt to Toledo places these two individuals in historical context by including additional Egyptian objects and artifacts from the Museum collection as well as loans from other institutions and private collections, along with examples of Egyptomania portraying ancient Egypt in film, art and advertising.

The exhibition asks visitors numerous questions about the mummies on display, including how do viewers interpret the mummies, should human remains be held by an art museum, what factors influence our understanding of ancient Egyptian art, and how has the lens in which we view ancient Egypt been influenced by Egyptomania?

The Mummies: From Egypt to Toledo is sponsored by Block Communications, Inc., KeyBank, Taylor Cadillac, and the Ohio Arts Council with additional support from 2018 Exhibition Program Sponsor ProMedica. Admission to the exhibition is free for Museum members and \$10 for nonmembers. Discounted tickets are available for seniors, college students and military personnel (\$7) and youth ages 5-17 (\$5). Admission for school groups is free. Visit toledomuseum.org for more information.

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NOTE: Events are subject to change. Check toledomuseum.org/calendar for updates.

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Admission to the Museum is free. The Museum is open Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.; and is closed Monday and major holidays. Thursday evening hours are sponsored by Huntington Wealth Advisors. Friday evening hours are made possible by Fifth Third Bank.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit toledomuseum.org.