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SUNDOWN FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH ADVENTURES IN HISTORY

Free movies include The Mummy and Raiders of the Lost Ark

TOPEKA, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that its 2009 Sundown Film Festival will begin July 17 with a free showing of *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*. The free movie festival runs four Fridays in a row and features movies that portray Hollywood's take on history and the history profession. Admission to the Kansas Museum of History is free from 5 to 9 p.m. on festival nights and the Museum Store will offer promotional discounts for moviegoers. Visitors can see the *Lincoln in Kansas* exhibit through July 26 (President Lincoln makes an appearance in the first film of the festival!)

The festival will include drawings for prizes and concession sales. All movies begin at sundown and are shown outside, so attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. In case of rain, the movie will be shown indoors. This year's lineup includes:

Friday, July 17 – *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* (1989, rated PG) When two teenage boys risk failing an upcoming history report, a special emissary from the future steps in to help. The duo travels through time on a mission to meet characters from history, pass their report, and form their own heavy metal band. Starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter.

Friday, July 24 – *The Mummy* (1999, rated PG) A librarian, her brother, and an archeologist seek the Book of the Living in the ancient city of Hamunaptra. In their quest, they awaken a powerful mummy intent on restoring a tyrannic dictatorship and a curse that can end the world. Starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz.

Friday, July 31 – *Bringing Up Baby* (1938, rated G) In seeking a brontosaurus bone for an exhibit, a paleontologist encounters an heiress, a big game hunter, a leopard, and a jealous fiancée. Their search for the bone leads to a series of misadventures and mistaken identities. Starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant.

Friday, August 7 – *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981, rated PG-13) When a professor of archeology searches for the Ark of the Covenant, his quest takes him on a thrilling adventure to Nepal and Egypt. He battles a rival archeologist and the Nazis in pursuit of this key to human existence. Starring Harrison Ford and Karen Allen.

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