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## MUSEUM HOSTS SCIENCE FICTION FILM FESTIVAL THAT IS “OUT OF THIS WORLD”

*Offbeat Cinema* features science fiction classics in Buffalo Museum of Science auditorium

**Buffalo, NY (February 25, 2009)** – In celebration of 2009’s *International Year of Astronomy*, the Buffalo Museum of Science and **Offbeat Cinema** are teaming up for a science fiction film festival to take place on **Fridays at 7pm from March 13 – April 17 in the museum auditorium**. Admission to each film is available at the door for **\$2** for both children and adults.

Each Friday night will feature a classic science fiction film from the 50’s, 60’s or 70’s with an outer space or alien theme. *Offbeat Cinema*’s hosts - **Maxwell Truth, Bird, and Zelda** – and the show’s writer and co-producer, **James Gillan**, will be on hand to offer background information and answer questions regarding the films.

The movie lineup is as follows:

### March 13

#### ***First Men in the Moon,* 1964 (Color)**

The film version of the H.G. Wells novel. This wonderful film is filled with highly imaginative sets and realistic creatures. It tells the story of a Victorian era moon landing by unlikely explorers who find the moon inhabited by a civilization of strange beings. This one is fun for the entire family!

### March 20

#### ***Mars the Angry Red Planet,* 1960 (Color)**

This film tells the story of the first expedition to Mars. While it is a bit campy and the explorers seem like anything but astronauts, this is an imaginative film with interesting special effects created by a process called Cinemagic. Lots of fun with great Martian landscapes and monsters.

### March 27

#### ***Fantastic Planet,* 1973 (Color)**

This animated feature is wildly acclaimed for its vision and style. This film details the class struggle between two races on a very strange, alien planet. This film is very memorable but is not recommended for children under 10.

## -FILM FESTIVAL cont'd-

**April 3**

***Day of the Triffids,*  
1963 (Color)**

This British film has triffids – enormous alien plants – arriving on Earth during a meteor shower. The meteor shower blinds most of the Earth's people. Then the plants grow, begin walking and attack humans. A sci-fi classic for everyone!

**April 10 (A movie will not be played this evening)**

**April 17**

***Forbidden Planet,*  
1956 (Color)**

One of the greatest science fiction films ever made. A spacecraft from Earth lands on the planet Altair-4 in the year 2200 to rescue survivors of a space colony. Soon it becomes clear that a strange force on the planet does not want them there. Stars Walter Pidgeon, Anne Francis and Robby the Robot. Great for all ages!

Popcorn and beverages will be available for purchase prior to each screening. The museum's exhibits will not be open to its movie guests.

For more information on the film festival, call 716.896.5200 or visit [www.sciencebuff.org](http://www.sciencebuff.org).

### **MORE ABOUT OFFBEAT CINEMA**

Offbeat Cinema is a two-hour hosted movie show that brings viewers the finest offbeat movies available – science fiction, horror and classics are its mainstay!

Offbeat Cinema has been on the air since 1993 on flagship station WKBW-TV Channel 7 (ABC). It can also be viewed in over fifty cities nationwide on the RTN Television Network and a variety of independent stations from Rochester, New York to Tampa, Florida and Eugene, Oregon.

In each episode of Offbeat Cinema, the hosts – “Maxwell Truth”, played by “Airborne” Eddy Dobosiewicz, “Bird”, played by Tony Billoni, and the lovely “Zelda”, played by Connie Caldwell – are joined by whacked-out friends and top national music acts as they guzzle coffee and show the finest in classic movies.

Offbeat Cinema is the creation and is written by Buffalo advertising executive James Gillan of Paragon Advertising. He produces the show in conjunction with WKBW-TV Channel 7 Director John DiScullo.

*The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 600,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. General admission to the Museum is \$7 adults; \$6 seniors (age 62+); \$5 students and children over 3; and free for members and children under 3. The Museum also operates Tiff Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land and seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Genesee County, NY, one of North America's richest Ice Age sites.*

*For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit [www.buffalomuseumofscience.org](http://www.buffalomuseumofscience.org).*

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