

THE WALT
DISNEY
FAMILY
MUSEUM

THE
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DISNEY
STUDIOS



AND
WORLD
WAR II

Traveling Exhibition

“Americans are a responsive people and the ideas, the knowledge, and the emotions that come through the television screen in our living rooms will most certainly shape the course of the future for ourselves and our children.”

—Walt Disney





Exhibition Overview

In 1941, The Walt Disney Studio lots in Burbank, CA., were requisitioned as an anti-aircraft base by the U.S. military. The studio began producing war-time themed media at no profit, a decision which allowed the studio to remain operational and retain staff.

Curated by World War II historian Kent Ramsey, this exhibition highlights how The Walt Disney Studios dedicated more than 90% of its wartime output to creating training, propaganda, entertainment, public-service films, publicity campaigns, and more than 1,200 military insignia.

Photograph of Walt looking over storyboards with the Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Treasury John L. Sullivan, Assistant to the Secretary George Buffington, Disney artist Joe Grant, and Disney animator Dick Huemer.

Exhibition Highlights

Guests will learn about:

- The Army occupation of The Walt Disney Studios
- The expansion of women's roles within the studio
- Disney staff that joined the fight
- The effects of Japanese-American internment
- Training films, entertainment shorts, and propaganda films
- The Gremlins and Fifinella project
- Wartime print media and military insignias
- The South America goodwill and research trip

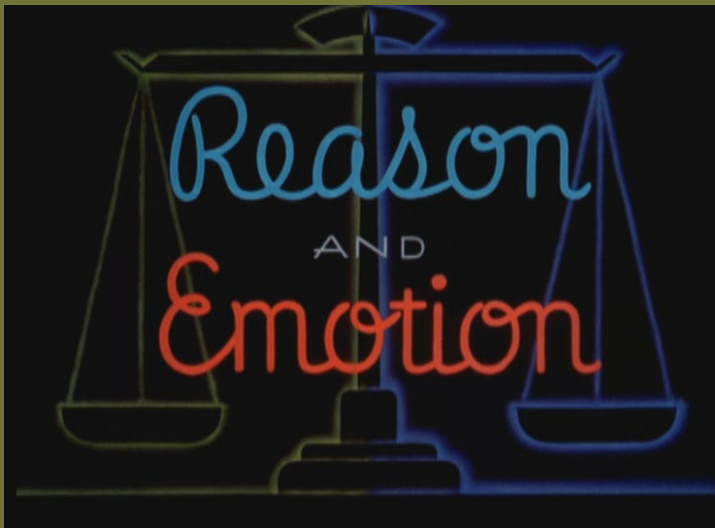


Exhibition Breakdown at The Walt Disney Family Museum



- The exhibition consisted of about 540 linear feet (wall space)
- 225 2D original objects, including sketches, animation drawings, concept art, animation cel setup, and background art
- 34 3D objects, including airplane models, military uniforms, and embroidered patches designed by Disney studio artists
- 56 reproduced photographs
- 220 wall graphics
- 9 videos of Disney animated short and feature-length films
- 56 hand-colored aluminum insignia graphics designed by Disney studio artists, in addition to a digital catalog (iPad) with accompanying information
- Total guest count: 24,486

Clips from short and feature-length films, including...



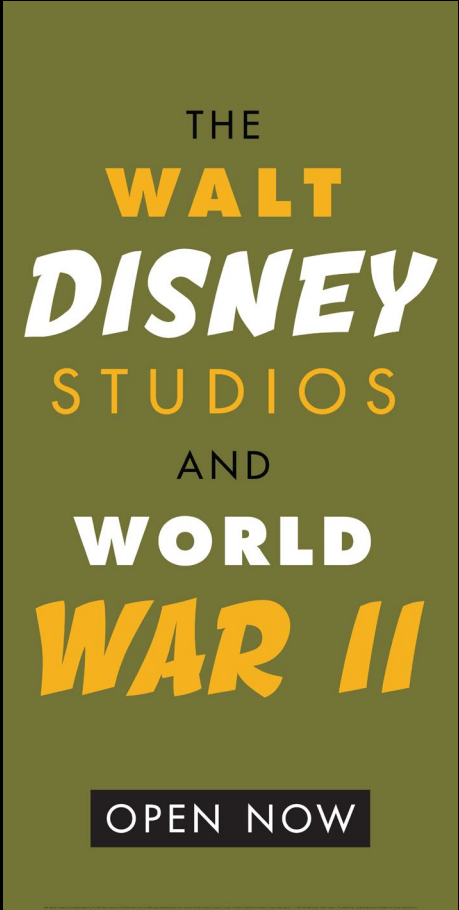
...and many more!

Original Exhibition at The Walt Disney Family Museum





Exhibition Marketing Banners



Exhibition on Tour!

This exhibition has been traveling since 2022 and has been on display at...



The Museum of Flight,
Seattle, WA
July 2022–February 2023



The National WWII Museum,
New Orleans, LA
March–September 2023



Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum,
Honolulu, HA
June–December 2024

Exhibition Breakdown at The Museum of Flight



- The exhibition consisted of about 657 linear feet (wall space)
- 203 2D original objects, including animation sketches, concept art, animation cels, and background art (161 framed objects and 42 unframed)
- 33 3D objects
- 8 animation cel facsimiles
- 70 wall graphics which include reproduced images and text panels
- 23 wall murals, which include reproduced images and text panels
- 9 videos of Disney animated short and feature-length films
- 56 reproductions of insignias designed by Disney studio artists and historically accurate color renditions in addition to a digital catalog (iPad) with accompanying information
- Total guest count: 120,000



Exhibition Breakdown at The National WWII Museum

- 205 2D original objects, including animation sketches, concept art, animation cels, and background art. (161 framed objects and 44 unframed)
- 29 3D objects
- 8 animation cel facsimiles
- 70 wall graphics and 23 wall murals, including reproduced art and text panels
- 9 videos of Disney animated short and feature-length films
- 56 hand-colored aluminum insignia graphics designed by Disney studio artists, in addition to a digital catalog (iPad) with accompanying information

Exhibition Breakdown at Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum

- The exhibition consisted of about 376 linear feet (wall space)
- 99 2D original objects, including animation sketches, concept art, animation cels and background art (89 framed objects and 10 unframed)
- 21 3D objects
- 76 wall graphics which include reproduced images and text panels
- 24 wall murals which include reproduced images and text panels
- 9 videos of Disney animated short and feature-length films
- 56 hand-colored aluminum insignia graphics designed by Disney studio artists, in addition to a digital catalog (iPad) with accompanying information
- Total guest count: 79,252



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