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**RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK ULTIMATE FAN EVENT COMING TO ENZIAN FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY**

**Orlando, FL** (June 15, 2016) – In the summer of 1981, two titans of modern cinema, George Lucas (*Star Wars*) and Steven Spielberg (*Jaws*) joined forces to create one of the most indelible icons of the silver screen: Indiana Jones. Jones' first quest, *Raiders of the Lost Ark* went on to become the highest grossing film of the year, earning four Oscars in the process. Moreover, it inspired millions of kids everywhere to dream of high adventure and yes, even to become filmmakers themselves.

In 1982, three of those kids, 11-year-old best friends from Ocean Springs, Mississippi, decided to do the impossible and film a shot-for-shot remake of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. It took them all seven of their remaining childhood years to complete the film. Along the way they nearly burned down their parents' house, their friendships were tested, there was love, and there was hate. But they persevered and shot every frame of the film—on VHS. Every camera angle. Every line of dialogue. The golden idol. The well of souls. The Cairo marketplace. The melting faces of the Nazi villains. Every scene...but one.

Opening on June 24<sup>th</sup>, *Raiders! The Story of the Greatest Fan Film Ever Made* follows these three former friends as they get back together to film the final scene of the movie—the massive airplane explosion.

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, Enzian Theater is proud to present a “One Night Only” event celebrating the joy of cinema and the perseverance of these three fans to achieve the impossible: A triple-feature of the original *Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981), *Raiders! The Story of the Greatest Fan Film Ever Made* (2015), and in its ONLY showing on the big screen, we will be playing *Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Adaptation* —the actual film the kids completed in 1989, now including the epic airplane sequence.

In celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, Enzian will also be screening the 4k restoration of the original film on June 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. However, the only opportunity to see *Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Adaptation* will be during the “Ultimate Fan Event” on Saturday.

**WHAT: Raiders of the Lost Ark Ultimate Fan Event**

**[RAIDERS!: THE STORY OF THE GREATEST FAN FILM EVER MADE](#)**

**Opens Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Ultimate Fan Event: Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**

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nearly burned down their parents' house, their friendships were tested, there was love, and there was hate. But they persevered and shot every frame of the film—on VHS of course. Every camera angle. Every line of dialogue. The golden idol. The well of souls. The Cairo marketplace. The melting faces of the Nazi villains. Every scene...but one. Now, 30 years later, with cult fame in hand after their “home movie” landed in theaters in Austin, Texas, these three former friends are getting back together to film the final scene of the movie—the massive airplane explosion. This is an incredible journey into the lives of three men who didn't know that sometimes impossible dreams do come true.

USA, 2015, In English, 98 min, Unrated, Directed by Jeremy Coon and Tim Skousen

### **RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK: THE ADAPTATION**

**One Night Only – Must Purchase Event Pass to Attend**

**Ultimate Fan Event: Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:15PM**

After seeing Raiders of the Lost Ark in 1981, three 11-year-old friends, Chris Strompolos, Eric Zala and Jayson Lamb, began filming their own shot-by-shot adaptation in the backyards of their Mississippi homes. Seven years later their film was in the can.

USA, 1989, In English, 100 min, Unrated, Directed by Eric Zala

### **RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK**

**Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:15PM**

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (Part of the Ultimate Fan Event) at 11:59PM**

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:15PM**

Renowned archeologist and expert in the occult, Dr. Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford), is hired by the U.S. Government to find the Ark of the Covenant, which is believed to still hold the ten commandments. Unfortunately, agents of Hitler are also after the Ark. Indy, and his ex-flame Marion (Karen Allen), escape from various close scrapes in a quest that takes them from Nepal to Cairo.

USA, 1981, In English, 115 min, Rated PG, Directed by Steven Spielberg

**WHERE:** **Enzian Theater**, 1300 South Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751

**TICKETS:** Raiders of the Lost Ark Ultimate Fan Event Pass (all 3 shows) – [\\$25](#)  
Enzian Member Event Pass – [\\$20](#)

**INFO:** Enzian is Central Florida's only full-time, not-for-profit cinema for first-run independent and international film, classic revivals, documentary features, and select family entertainment. Enzian, a member-supported organization serving the community for more than 31 years, is home to the Florida Film Festival and Eden Bar. For additional information, visit [Enzian.org](http://Enzian.org), call general information at (407) 629-1088, or visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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