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**ENZIAN THEATER PARTNERS WITH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE  
FOR NATIONAL SCIENCE ON SCREEN NIGHT**

**Orlando, FL** – (March 19, 2018) – Enzian Theater has partnered with the Smithsonian Institute for National Science on Screen Night. Twenty-eight independent theaters in 25 states will participate in this event, each hosting a program pairing a scientific lecture with a screening of a feature or documentary film. Enzian Theater will screen a special 35mm print of *The Black Hole* with an introduction by Dr. Matthew Shindell, beginning at 8:30PM on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

[Dr. Matthew Shindell](#) is a historian of science whose work focuses on the history of the earth and planetary sciences, with an emphasis on the development of research programs in these fields during the Cold War. He curates the Smithsonian Museum’s collection of spacecraft, instruments, and other artifacts related to the exploration and study of the solar system.

The purpose of the evening? To celebrate using one of the nation’s favorite pastimes—going to the movies—to promote public understanding of science.

The National Evening of Science on Screen is the annual showcase event of the nationwide Science on Screen [grant initiative](#), which is funded by the Sloan Foundation and administered by the Coolidge Corner Theatre. Grantee theaters run three or more Science on Screen events per year, creatively pairing screenings of classic, cult, science fiction, and documentary films with presentations by notable experts from the world of science and technology.

Over the past eight years, the Sloan Foundation and the Coolidge have awarded a total of 164 Science on Screen grants to 72 independent theaters nationwide. Enzian Theater, long-time recipient, was among 36 cinemas to receive a Science on Screen grant in 2017–18.

David Schillhammer, Executive Director of Enzian, said, “Enzian Theater is deeply proud to be one the few independent theaters in the country to receive consistent funding from the Sloan Foundation with thanks to the Coolidge Corner Theatre. This is a tremendous honor and a true testament to the power of Enzian’s exemplary programming. Our Science on Screen initiative has proven to be a point of creativity for us, and proven to be extremely popular with our audience. Critical to the success of the series is having prominent guest speakers participate in a Q&A session or pre-film presentation. This year, for National Science on Screen Night, we are excited to partner with the Smithsonian Institute to feature the 1979 Sci-Fi classic *The Black Hole* along with a presentation by Dr. Matt Shindell, who has an

important position and sterling reputation at the Smithsonian. We thank the Smithsonian and welcome Dr. Shindell to Enzian.”

**WHAT:** [The Black Hole](#)

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30PM**

In the future, a spaceship dubbed the USS Palomino is on its way back to Earth when it discovers another ship that had been assumed missing, the USS Cygnus. Kate McCrae (Yvette Mimieux), a scientist aboard the Palomino, learns that it's the same ship upon which her father had served as a crew member. When the Palomino's crew boards the Cygnus, they are met by Dr. Reindhardt (Maximilian Schell) and a bizarre, faceless army who plan to be the first people ever to explore a black hole.

USA, 1979, 98 minutes, Rated PG, Directed by Gary Nelson

**TICKETS:** [\\$8](#)

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

**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 33 years, is home to the Florida Film Festival and Eden Bar. For additional information, visit [Enzian.org](http://Enzian.org) or call general information at (407) 629-1088.

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