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**ENZIAN THEATER PARTNERS WITH ORLANDO SCIENCE CENTER  
FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF THE BIT PLAYER**

**Orlando, FL** – (January 2, 2020) – Enzian Theater is partnering with the Orlando Science Center for a Science on Screen presentation of *The Bit Player*, a documentary on Claude Shannon, the man who introduced the world to the “bit” and laid the foundation for the information age.

Prior to the screening, coffee and light pastries will be served at Eden Bar during a “tech brunch” as Orlando Science Center hosts science demonstrations. After the film, there will be a conversation discussing Claude Shannon’s legacy and the impact of his work with film director Mark A. Levinson, research scientist Elaine Raybourn of Sandia National Laboratories, and Dr. Azadeh Vosoughi from the University of Central Florida College of Engineering and Computer Science.

This screening is a partner event with Orlando Science Center’s Otronicon. To celebrate this interactive tech expo’s 15<sup>th</sup> year, several community events are planned leading up to Otronicon to engage people in an exploration of what technology means to our lives and our future. Otronicon takes place at Orlando Science Center on January 17-20.

Science on Screen® pairs film screenings with lively discussions by science and technology experts. Each film serves as a jumping off point for the speaker to explore a related science or technology topic in a way that engages popular culture audiences. The purpose of this program is to use one of the nation’s favorite pastimes—going to the movies—to promote public understanding of science.

Science on Screen is a [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.

**WHAT: [THE BIT PLAYER](#)**

In a blockbuster paper in 1948, Claude Shannon introduced the world to the “bit” and laid the foundation for the information age. The impact would be incredibly far reaching, influencing such diverse fields as communication, linguistics, genetics, computing, cryptography, neuroscience, artificial intelligence and cosmology. Shannon also constructed a mathematical theory of juggling, rode unicycles, wrote the first paper on computer chess and built a flaming trumpet! [The Bit Player](#), directed by Mark

Levinson (*Particle Fever*), combines interviews with leading scientists, archival film, inventive animation and compelling commentary from Shannon himself to tell the story of an overlooked genius who revolutionized the world, but never lost his childlike curiosity.

USA, 2018, Not Rated, Directed by Mark Levinson

**WHEN: Sunday, January 12**

11AM-12PM: Tech Brunch and Science Demos Outside at Enzian

12-1:30PM: Film Presentation of *The Bit Player*

1:30-2PM: Discussion on Claude Shannon's legacy and the impact of his work with film director Mark A. Levinson, research scientist Elaine Raybourn of Sandia National Laboratories, and Dr. Azadeh Vosoughi from the University of Central Florida College of Engineering and Computer Science

**TICKETS: [\\$9](#)**

**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 34 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.

Orlando Science Center's Otronicon is a celebration of the intersection between art, science and technology. This event brings together the shining stars of Central Florida's tech scene and provides an insider's glimpse at the amazing innovation being developed in our community. Otronicon is a collaboration between educational institutions, the gaming, simulation, medical, tech and manufacturing communities that highlights their impact on our lives and their potential to drive the future. The event offers opportunities to learn, connect, discover, explore and play. For more information, visit [otronicon.org](http://otronicon.org).

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