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TOOLS IN MOTION FILM SERIES

Presented by the Everhart Museum of Natural History Science & Art in collaboration with the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple and the Lackawanna County Library System

Scranton – October 23, 2008: The Everhart Museum is once again pleased to collaborate with the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple and the Lackawanna County Library System to present a **TOOLS IN MOTION FILM SERIES**. This film series is being shown in conjunction with the Everhart Museum's current exhibit, *Tools in Motion: Work from the Hechinger Collection*. This collaborative film series is one of several programs designed to complement the Everhart Museum's temporary tool-themed exhibits.

The films will be shown at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple. Admission is free and open to the public; however please note that the content of some films may not be suitable for a younger audience. The schedule is as follows:

November 8th at 3:00 pm:

***The Maltese Falcon* (1941).**

Rated NR

In John Huston's 1941 film *The Maltese Falcon* (1941), based on the book by Dashiell Hammett, Huston sketches a dark, cynical world with painfully deep perception. Detective Sam Spade's (Humphrey Bogart) search for his partner's killer leads him to a group of determined individuals who want the jeweled falcon of Malta: Brigid O'Shaughnessey (Mary Astor), the beautiful femme fatale, cowardly Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre), and pompously inflated Casper Gutman (Sydney Greenstreet). This film is being shown in conjunction with the Scranton Public Library and the City of Scranton for this year's *Big Read* event.

December 20th at 3:00 pm:

***Batteries Not Included* (1987).**

Rated PG

The last five tenants of 817 East 8th Street need a miracle to prevent a real estate developer from tearing down their tenement and destroying everything they own. Late one night, tiny spaceships mysteriously glide through an open window to help their beleaguered friends. Starring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy.

The **TOOLS IN MOTION FILMS** series is an example of the partnership among the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art; the Scranton Cultural Center at, and the Lackawanna County Library System. This collaborative effort is supported in part by the Lackawanna County Office of Education and Culture, as well as Commissioners: Michael J. Washo, Corey O'Brien and A.J. Munchak.

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About the Everhart Museum: Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum, located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to the collection, care and display of a diverse array of artifacts, including natural history, science and fine arts. Through our exhibits and programs, the Everhart Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the museum visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.

About The Scranton Cultural Center: The Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple is located at 420 North Washington Avenue in downtown Scranton, Pennsylvania. Originally built as the Masonic Temple and Scottish Rite Cathedral, the building is significant as an example of the work of Raymond M. Hood (1881-1934), a prominent architect of the 1920s and early 1930s, and as a unique example of Neo-Gothic architecture in Scranton. Today the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple operates the facility as a regional performance and cultural hub. The Center serves as the residence for national tours of Broadway musicals and concerts and hosts many of the areas top regional companies. For more information on the Scranton Cultural Center visit their website at: www.scrantonculturalcenter.org or contact them at 570-346-7369.