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## 9th ANNUAL HOME MOVIE DAY TO TAKE PLACE WORLDWIDE ON OCTOBER 15, 2011

*"The films you'll see at Home Movie Day enable those of us who weren't around at the time to visit moments like the New York World's Fair of 1939-40, and I for one can't get enough of those. Documentary filmmakers build whole features around such footage, and I'm sure historians will continue to rely on amateur movies to tell them what life was like in 20<sup>th</sup> century America." – Leonard Maltin*

The 9th annual Home Movie Day will take place on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Members of the public are invited to bring their home movies to a local event where they will be inspected by HMD projectionists and shared with an enthusiastic audience in a day-long celebration of amateur filmmaking and home movie preservation.

This year's spotlight Home Movie Day event will happen at the Queens Museum of Art. The featured subject is the 1939-1940 New York World's Fair, complementing the project "Amateur Filmmakers Record the New York World's Fair and Its Period," a partnership of Northeast Historic Film, Queens Museum of Art and George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film. The Queens Museum is located on the fairgrounds of the 1939-40 & 1964-65 New York World's Fairs and houses the amazing Panorama exhibition of the NYC boroughs. More information on the project can be found at [www.fairfilm.org](http://www.fairfilm.org). For specific event details, please visit [www.queensmuseum.org/dont-throw-your-films-away-bring-them-to-home-movie-day](http://www.queensmuseum.org/dont-throw-your-films-away-bring-them-to-home-movie-day).

Conceived by archivists at the Center for Home Movies as a means to promote the preservation of amateur films, Home Movie Day has grown each year from its initial slate of two dozen locations across the U.S., Mexico, Canada, and Japan in 2003 to over fifty venues in nine countries in 2008. More sites are being added weekly for the October 2011 event. For each event, members of the public are encouraged to search their homes for home movies in formats which they may no longer have the means of viewing – commonly 8mm, Super8 and 16mm, but some sites accept VHS video as well – and bring them to Home Movie Day, where trained event staff can assess their condition and project them on the big screen to a wider circle of attendees who come to each year's unpredictable screening of home-made entertainments. The events are open to all and free of charge.

The Center for Home Movies is a registered not-for profit organization supported through grants and donations. CHM's primary mission is to promote, preserve and educate the public about amateur films. To learn more about CHM, visit [www.centerforhomemovies.org](http://www.centerforhomemovies.org).

For information on the nearest Home Movie Day venue near you, visit [www.homemovieday.com/locations.html](http://www.homemovieday.com/locations.html)

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