

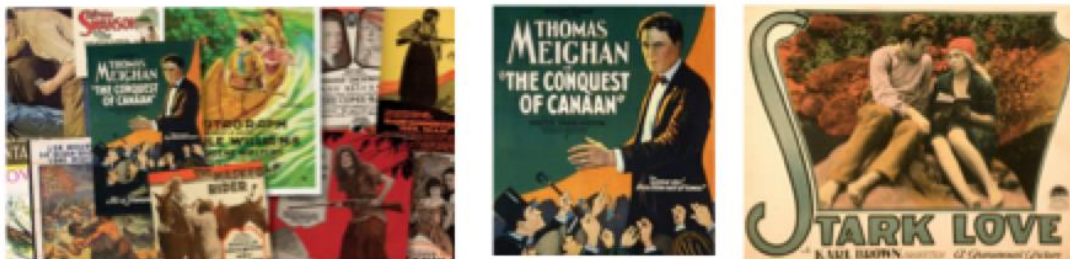
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"SILENCE IS GOLDEN" — Come See for Yourself!

FIRST FRIDAY at the North Carolina Museum of History



RALEIGH, N.C. — **First Friday at the N.C. Museum of History: Longleaf Film Festival presents Before the Talkies: North Carolina’s Silent Films on Friday, October 6. Exhibits, food and beer available starting at 5 p.m.; book signing at 6 p.m.; films begin at 7 p.m.**

Before Hollywood, there was North Carolina! Enjoy an evening of Tar Heel-made silent film clips with accompaniment by the [Raleigh Concert Band's](#) Lem Hardy. The host for the evening, author and film producer Frank Thompson, is an expert on the state’s early film history. **Longleaf Film Festival**, a program of the museum, brings this special free-to-attend event to film fans. Donations will be accepted to keep festival attendance free!

Arrive early to:

- Meet N.C. film historian Frank Thompson and get your copy of “Asheville Movies Volume I: The **Silent Era**” **autographed**. Copies available in the Museum Shop.
- Purchase dinner from Lost Boys food truck [of Hillsborough](#). [Offering no average burger fare, professionally trained culinary chef Lee and brother Dustin share a menu with global flavors.](#)
- [Buy a pint or try a free sample of beer from Brüeprint Brewing Company in Apex. A portion of pint sales will be donated to Longleaf Film Festival.](#)
- [Enjoy the Museum of History’s two new lobby-level exhibits, “The Shape of Fashion” and “Louis C. Tiffany: Art and Innovation from the Wester Collection.”](#)

- [Search and find a special gift from the Museum Shop](#), which is open until 8 p.m.
[Check our social media platforms for more information, and follow Longleaf Film Festival too!](#)

Parking is free on weekends and evenings.

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October's First Friday at the Museum of History

Image – Movie Posters

A collage of North Carolina-produced silent movie posters. Credit: N.C. Museum of History collection.

Image – Conquest of Canaan Poster

“The Conquest of Canaan” filmed in Asheville, N.C., in 1921. Credit: Frank Thompson.

Image – Stark Love Poster

“Stark Love” filmed in the Great Smoky Mountains, near Robbinsville, N.C., in 1927. Credit: Frank Thompson.

Access images [here](#).

For information about the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian-affiliated museum, call 919-807-7900 or access ncmuseumofhistory.org or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

About the N.C. Museum of History, a Smithsonian Affiliate

The N.C. Museum of History is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. The museum collects and preserves artifacts of North Carolina history and educates the public on the history of the state and the nation through exhibits and educational programs. Each year more than 400,000 people visit the museum to see some of the 150,000 artifacts in the museum collection. The Museum of History, within the Division of State History Museums, is part of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

About the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NCDNCR) is the state agency with a vision to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational and economic future of North Carolina. NCDNCR's mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit www.ncdcr.gov.

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