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Yelm UFO Festival Event Friday, February 2nd.

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Cameron Jayne, Director of Yelm's Triad Theater, and Captain of the Yelm UFO Festival Mother ship housed at the Theater, announced today that there will be a second annual UFO Festival in Yelm the last weekend in July (27, 28 and 29). In making this announcement, and in anticipation of the July festival, the Mother Ship is pleased also to announce a showing of an award winning UFO based film titled "The Maury Island Incident," Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 pm.

The setting for *The Maury Island Incident* is on Puget Sound just north of Tacoma. The film tells the forgotten, tragic story taken directly from declassified FBI documents of Harold Dahl's June 21, 1947 UFO sighting near Maury Island, and explores the origins of the iconic Men in Black within a conspiratorial mythology set during the "summer of saucers" in 1947, all leading to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The Maury Island UFO sighting on July 21, 1947 occurred just three days before the sighting of nine UFOs over Mt. Rainier by Kenneth Arnold on June 24, 1947, and a month before the reported Roswell UFO crash in New Mexico (July 4, 1947).

Director Scott Schaefer (*Bill Nye the Science Guy*, *The Arsenio Hall Show*, *Almost Live*) and screenwriter Steve Edmiston (*Crimes of the Past*, *the Periphery Project*, Vol. 1, *A Relative Thing*, *the Day My parents Became Cool*) will screen their multiple award winning film, *The Maury Island Incident*, and provide a live special presentation. "J. Edgar Hoover's Flying Discs: Why the Maury Island incident is the seminal event in modern popular culture relating to UFO's conspiracies, and cover-ups."

The filmmakers will take questions and discuss their upcoming projects, including a possible film on the Mt. Rainier UFO incident.

The Maury Island Incident's honors/awards include: 2015 UFO Congress Best Short Film; Big Island Film Festival Opening Night Gala; Washington Film Works Innovative Lab Competitive Grant; Gig harbor Film Festival Best short, Seattle Int'l Film Festival World Premiere. The film was adapted into a web series distributed on Hulu and Indie.

To celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the "Summer of the Saucers," the film was celebrated in 2017 with a resolution on the floor of the Washington State Senate for its contribution to the history and popular culture of Washington State, and featured at the Washington State Historical Museum.

UFO Festival Mother Ship, Captain Jayne said she is excited about the film showing and is anticipating it being shown again at this year's festival, along with possibly other films of that genre.

For more information and tickets to *The Maury Island Incident* go to www.thetriadtheater.com. Contact the Triad Theater at thetriadtheater@gmail.com, and find out the latest about this summer's UFO Festival at www.yelmufofest.com.