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WHAT: LOST AND FOUND! STOOGES HOME MOVIES, LOST FILMS & CLASSICS:
THE 3 STOOGES RARITIES SHOW

WHO: **At the 6th Annual SLAPSTICON Silent Comedy Film Festival**

WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: **ROSSLYN SPECTRUM Theatre**
1611 North Kent St., Arlington, VA (2 blks. from Rosslyn Metro)
GARAGE PARKING - FREE AFTER 6pm - entered from rear of bldg. off of Arlington Ridge Rd.

COST: \$99 four-day festival pass; \$30 single all-day admission; \$16 half-day admission.

TICKETS: Register Online at slapsticon.org; or Call Maggie Gaffen at **703-228-1841**
or, purchase day-of tickets at Rosslyn Spectrum box office.

INFO: **703-228-1841** ; Email: info@slapsticon.org Web: www.slapsticon.org

6th Annual SLAPSTICON Silent Comedy Film Festival features

3 STOOGES RARITIES!

Arlington, Virginia – **The 3 Stooges Rarities Show** will kick off the opening night of the **6th Annual SLAPSTICON Comedy Film Festival**, featuring screenings of dozens of rare silent and sound comedies from Morning until Midnight, from **THURSDAY, JULY 17** through **SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008** at the **Rosslyn Spectrum Theater**, 1611 North Kent St. in Arlington Virginia (see next page for detailed schedule). All silent films in the Festival will feature **LIVE MUSIC** on grand piano by three of today's leading silent film accompanists!

The **6th Annual SLAPSTICON** starts off with a triple slap when “**The 3 Stooges Rarities Show**”, begins on Thursday July 17 at 7:00pm. This never-before-seen compendium of home movies, TV clips and other Stooze ephemera (with a few classics thrown in) is not to be missed.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **W.C. Fields'** first starring feature, *Sally of the Sawdust* (1925), directed by D.W. Griffith from Fields' Broadway hit, *Poppy* (Thursday, July 17 at 9:00 p.m.)
- **Buster Keaton's** inventive genius is evident even in the television and industrial films he made in the 1950s and 60s. We'll be showing the rarely screened *The Silent Partner* made for TV in 1955 and *The Scribe* (1966), a Canadian industrial film in which 70-year-old Buster walks on construction girders on a windy autumn day just months before his death. (Saturday July 19 at 2:00 p.m.).
- *Ladies Night in a Turkish Bath* (1928) shows how silents could sizzle even before the talkies. Forgotten comedienne Dorothy Mackaill is ripe for a modern-day rediscovery, with Laurel & Hardy foil James ("Doh!") Finlayson in support. (Saturday July 19 at 8:00 p.m.).

The Rosslyn Spectrum was originally built as a movie house in the early 1960's. The newly-renovated theater now has 387 cushioned theater seats – each with folding tables for note-taking critics, or for refreshments (which are allowed inside the theatre)!! All silent films shown at SLAPSTICON feature LIVE MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT by accomplished musicians, **Dr. Philip Carli**, **Ben Model** and **Andrew Simpson**. Each utilize different styles and both have many years of experience in the art of silent film accompaniment.

SLAPSTICON Screenings will occur: Thursday, July 17, 1:00 p.m. – 12:00 mid.; Friday, July 18 and Sat., July 19, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 mid. ; Sunday, July 20, 10:00am - 5:00pm. COST: \$99 for the full four-day festival; \$30 per day; \$16 half-day. More information about the Slapsticon (including a registration form), can be found at www.slapsticon.org. E-mail address is info@slapsticon.org and the phone number is 703-228-1841.

Slapsticon is sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Division of the Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources and the Arlington County Friends of the Library. The **Holiday Inn Rosslyn @ Key Bridge** is the official hotel of Slapsticon.