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**Center for Puppetry Arts presentsThe Dark Crystal Fan Film Event***Cheryl Henson to host screenings and book signing on Saturday, September 30*

**ATLANTA (August 28, 2017) –** The **Center for Puppetry Arts** is proud to welcome President of the Jim Henson Foundation Cheryl Henson, along with winners of the **Dark Crystal Fan Film** competition for a very special event honoring “The Dark Crystal” on **Saturday, September 30**.The enchanting evening will include a screening of the fan films and a talkback with Henson who judged the competition, along with grand prize-winning director Kristin Dalleske and runner-up James Pendleton. Prior to the fan film screening, Henson will be on hand to sign copies of “The Dark Crystal: Ultimate Visual History.”

Following the fan films and talkback, there will be a special full-length screening of the original film “The Dark Crystal.” The event will take place in the Mainstage Theater and is recommended for ages 18 and older.

**WHAT: The Dark Crystal Fan Film Event**

**WHEN: Saturday, September 30**

6 p.m.: Book Signing

7 p.m.: Fan film screening and talkback

8:30 p.m.: Screening of the original film “The Dark Crystal”

**WHERE: Center for Puppetry Arts (Mainstage Theater)**

1404 Sprint Street NW

Atlanta, GA 30309

**HOW:** Tickets are **$12.50 (Non-Members) plus sales tax** and are FREE for **Members.** Event tickets include admission to *the Worlds of Puppetry* Museum. Tickets are available online at [www.puppet.org](http://www.puppet.org) or by calling **404.873.3391**.

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