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Center for Puppetry Arts celebrates 30th anniversary of *Labyrinth* film with new exhibit, opening Labor Day Weekend

Exhibit will feature goblins, gowns, behind-the-scenes artwork and more!

ATLANTA (May 9, 2016) – In celebration of the 30th anniversary of Jim Henson's fantastical film *Labyrinth*, **Center for Puppetry Arts** invites guests to journey into the magical world of the Goblin King with its brand-new, immersive special exhibit *Jim Henson's Labyrinth: Journey to Goblin City, A 30th Anniversary Celebration*, opening **September 2, 2016**. The exhibit will run until the fall of 2017 and feature more than 20 never before seen artifacts and memorabilia from the cult classic film for guests to enjoy!

Featured items will include original goblin puppets from the film, the plaster mold for the head of the original Hoggle puppet, crystal balls used by David Bowie, his costume from the M.C. Escher inspired stair scene and behind the scenes video and photography from the production.

To kick-off the opening, the Center will host an exclusive **Labyrinth Masquerade Ball** on **Thursday, September 1** in the atrium of the Center at the entrance to the new *Worlds of Puppetry* Museum. Guests are invited to adorn themselves in Labyrinth-inspired costume and paraphernalia. The ball will be held in conjunction with the opening night of the annual pop culture festival Dragoncon. Guests will be the first from the general public to view the new exhibit. The featured celebrity guest of the evening will be Brian Henson (son of Jim Henson and cast member of *Labyrinth*). Henson will judge a costume contest and award Henson-related prizes to the winners. Tickets are \$125 and go on sale **Saturday, May 21 at 12 p.m.**

Museum tickets are **FREE (Members) / \$10.50 (Nonmembers)**. All tickets can be purchased online at www.puppet.org or by calling the ticket sales office at 404.873.3391.

What: *Jim Henson's Labyrinth: Journey to Goblin City, A 30th Anniversary Celebration*

When: **September 2, 2016 – Fall of 2017**
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: **Center for Puppetry Arts**
1404 Spring Street, NW at 18th
Atlanta, GA 30309

How: For ticket information, visit www.puppet.org/museum

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