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Errol Flynn: Inside the Lover's Lair

Lasky-DeMille Barn Book Signing Celebrates the Fabulous Flynn

Hollywood, CA—April 3, 2009 – Errol Flynn was the greatest lover of Hollywood's Golden Era, and his house became the most notorious in movie history. Today Justin Timberlake's home sits on the spot.

At 7:30 p.m. on April 15, 2009, the Hollywood Heritage Museum in the Lasky-DeMille Barn will host Robert Matzen and Michael Mazzone, authors of the coffee-table hardcover, *ERROL FLYNN SLEPT HERE* (GoodKnight Books, 2009), for a look inside Mulholland Farm, the legendary hilltop Flynn home that hosted wild Hollywood parties still talked about today—and the bodysnatching of the recently deceased John Barrymore. The authors will also present a short video about Flynn and Mulholland.

“Mulholland Farm showed the best and worst of Flynn,” said Matzen. “It was an elegant place; but as Gunnar Nelson said, ‘Errol Flynn was a major perv!’ It had secret passageways and trick mirrors, so Flynn could spy on women and on couples making love. He was a complex package.” The house was owned for 20 years after Flynn by radio star and gospel songwriter Stuart Hamblen, and for 6 more years by Gunnar's dad, rock star Rick Nelson.

“It's fitting that Timberlake lives there now,” added Mazzone. “to keep up the heartthrob tradition.”

Also speaking at the Barn on April 15 will be Steve Hayes, a friend of Errol Flynn's who spent five weeks as his houseguest at Mulholland in 1950. Hayes, a bit player in the 1950s, became a screenwriter, contributing the original story to *TIME AFTER TIME* and writing more than 100 hours of network television. He documented his close association with Flynn, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, and other Hollywood superstars in the two-volume *GOOGIES: COFFEE SHOP TO THE STARS* (Bear Manor Books, 2008).

“I remember,” said Hayes, “along with celebrities I met and the ritzy places I went with Errol, meeting more attractive swooning girls than I ever dreamed existed. They literally swarmed around him.”

The authors will sign copies of their books, with partial proceeds benefiting the Lasky-DeMille Barn, 2100 North Highland Avenue, across from the Hollywood Bowl. (The Hollywood Heritage Museum advises attendees to arrive early, as seating is limited to 120.) #####