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***“The Sandlot For-Ev-Ver Fest” at Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory  
Features Director and Castmembers of Beloved Movie on May 19***

**Free Admission for Sandlot-Costumed Guests, Games, Prizes,  
Q-and-A with Director/Cast, and More**

**Free Sandlot Mini-Bat for First 250 Guests**

**Louisville, Ky (May 8, 2018)** – Hollywood hits a home run in Louisville on Saturday, May 19, as Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory hosts **THE SANDLOT For-Ev-Ver Fest** with games, prizes, contests, and a special appearance by members of the film’s cast and crew. The special event coincides with the museum’s exclusive mini-exhibit, **“Legends Never Die!” THE SANDLOT Celebrates 25 Years**, showcasing authentic props from the movie, artwork, and behind-the-scenes photography, now through September 9.

*For-Ev-Ver Fest* activities taking place during the day include:

- Free **SANDLOT** mini-bat for first 250 guests
- Free Admission for guests dressed as characters from movie
- Prizes for best costumes
- **THE SANDLOT** Trivia Contests
- Mr. Mertle and the Negro League Experience
- S'Mores Minute-to-Win-It Games

From 2:00 - 3:00 PM, fans can ask questions and hear tales from the the movie’s co-writer & director, David M. Evans, Props Master Terry Haskell, and castmember Shane Obedzinski, who played “Tommy ‘Repeat’ Timmons.”

When the movie was released in 1993, critical acclaim focused on its charm and nostalgia. Over the past 25 years, the film has become a cult hit thanks to quotes like, “You’re killin’ me, Smalls!” and memorable characters including Squints, Wendy Peffercorn, and the Beast. **THE SANDLOT** (written by David Mickey

Evans and Robert Gunter) consistently ranks in the Top 10 Best Baseball Movies of all-time by critics, sport fans and movie-lovers.

**“THE SANDLOT For-Ev-Ver Fest** will be as much fun as the film itself. From Babe Ruth to Wendy Peffercorn, we know exactly what we’re doing,” said Anne Jewell, VP/Executive Director of Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. “What a treat to welcome the talented people who helped create this pop-culture powerhouse of a movie,” she continued.

Along with the festival, the **“Legends Never Die!”** mini-exhibit is included with regular admission, and features original props, some on public display for the first time. Memorable movie items in the exhibit include:

- The sacred Babe Ruth baseball that must be retrieved from The Beast
- Squints’ iconic eyeglasses
- Louisville Slugger bats swung by the team
- The cereal box periscope from the gang’s treehouse
- Baseball items from Mr. Mertle’s home

In addition to the props, the original storyboard binder with amazing hand-drawn artwork is shown, along with a copy that guests can page through. Behind-the-scenes photography provides an exclusive glimpse into the magic of Hollywood film-making. As an extra bonus during **For-Ev-Ver Fest**, additional archival pieces related to the film will also be on display.

Some of the items in the show come directly from the personal collection of writer-director David M. Evans, who also did the voiceover for the film. The Louisville Slugger factory produced some props for the movie, which are part of the exhibit.

“I can’t wait to experience Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory and see their legendary bat-making in person. We were thrilled to use their bats in our film, so it’s extra-special to visit 25 years later,” said writer-director David M. Evans. “Just like the movie, the Louisville Slugger brand has a timeless quality that reaches fans of all ages,” he added.

Admission to the museum includes an award-winning factory tour where guests can watch baseball bats being made, enjoy engaging exhibits and historic memorabilia, the World’s Biggest Baseball Bat, and more. As an added bonus, all guests receive a free souvenir mini-bat at the end of their factory tour. The Louisville landmark conducts factory tours seven days a week, and guests are guaranteed to view bat production on each tour.

In addition to the exhibit, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment has released a special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary collector’s edition of **THE SANDLOT**. This crowd-pleasing collection includes a set of 10 custom Topps® baseball cards — featuring Scotty Smalls, Benny “The Jet” and the rest of the ragtag roster — created exclusively for this release. The major-league treatment continues with an all-new booklet filled with behind-the-scenes photos from the film director’s personal archive and an all-new, full-color poster.

The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory Store is also carrying commemorative merchandise to compliment **THE SANDLOT** experience, and will have exciting new offerings during *For-Ev-Ver Fest*.

**About Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory:**

*Experience history-in-the-making as you stroll through the factory where world-famous Louisville Slugger bats are created in Louisville, Kentucky. Award-winning factory tour, engaging exhibits, historic memorabilia, and more. Create a Louisville Slugger bat with your very own name on it, just like the pros. Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory, 800 West Main Street, is open Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., with extended summer hours. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors (60+), \$8 children (6-12), and free for children 5 and under. For more information, including holiday hours and extended summer hours, visit [sluggermuseum.com](http://sluggermuseum.com) or call 502-588-7228, or find us on Facebook ([@sluggermuseum](https://www.facebook.com/sluggermuseum)), Twitter ([@sluggermuseum](https://twitter.com/sluggermuseum)), and Instagram ([@slugger\\_museum](https://www.instagram.com/slugger_museum)).*

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