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A Night at the State Library presents: “*Bullitt*” (1968) starring Steve McQueen

SACRAMENTO - On Wednesday, May 16, **A Night at the State Library** presents: “*Bullitt*,” the 1968 film starring Steve McQueen. Help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge by attending this special event. This free evening program includes light refreshments and a post-film discussion led by Tom Sawyer, retired sheriff and former public safety liaison for the Governor’s Office. The discussion will feature historic photos and archival material from the State Library’s collection on San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge.

“*Bullitt*” won the Academy Award in 1969 for Best Film Editing and was nominated for Best Sound. It contains one of the most spectacular car chase scenes in movie history. Based on Robert L. Pike’s crime novel “*Mute Witness*,” the film was directed by Peter Yates, who also directed “*Breaking Away*,” “*Eyewitness*,” and “*Suspect*.”

Set in San Francisco, “*Bullitt*” stars Steve McQueen as Frank Bullitt, a San Francisco police lieutenant, who is called upon by ambitious politician, Walter Chalmers (portrayed by Robert Vaughn) to protect a mob informant long enough for him to testify. But the informant is too easily discovered and everything goes wrong. Soon, Bullitt is searching for the information leak and a killer. What ensues is a car chase that lasts for 10 minutes and 53 seconds on film, from Fisherman’s Wharf throughout the city.

This film was a critically acclaimed and box office hit in 1968, making it the fifth highest grossing film of that year. It also set a new standard for Hollywood car chase scenes.

WHERE: 900 N Street in Sacramento

WHEN: Wednesday, May 16. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. The event is free with RSVP.

RSVP: fontaine@library.ca.gov or 916- 215-9280

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