

Disney Magic Revue

January 17-26, 2020

Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm
Sundays at 3:00 pm

2nd Street Stage
Hannah Block Historic
USO/Community Arts Center
120 South 2nd Street



About the Revue

A musical revue featuring beloved Disney songs that will delight audience members of all ages. Starring your favorite performers from the Thalian Association Youth Theatre.

About the Thalian Association

Thalian Association Community Theatre is a non-profit, membership organization that's dedicated to enhancing the rich artistic environment of the Cape Fear region.

Tracing its roots back to 1788, the Thalian Association

Community Theatre was founded to provide arts

education and bring the excitement of the performing arts to Wilmington, North Carolina. Today the

Thalian Association Community Theatre produces five major productions annually on the Main Stage at

historic Thalian Hall, offers a Youth Theatre program and professionally manages the Hannah Block

Historic USO/Community Arts Center for the City of Wilmington. In 2007, the North Carolina legislature

named the Thalian Association Community Theatre the Official Community Theater of North Carolina.



Lesson Plan

Students will read two short passages about the origins of the Disney character Mickey Mouse. Then, students will answer questions about what they learned using the text to give evidence for their answer.

Objectives

The objective of this lesson is to teach students about the history of the Disney character Mickey Mouse and to illustrate how Mickey has changed over time from his origins in the 1920s to present day.



Lesson Directions

Step 1: Read the passage below about the origins of Mickey Mouse.

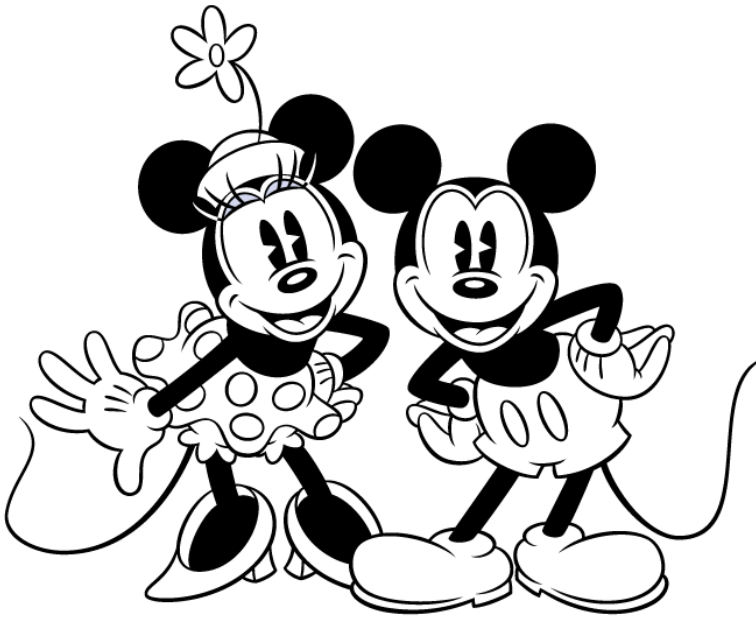
On November 18, 1928, Mickey Mouse made his movie debut in *Steamboat Willie*, one of the earliest animated cartoons. This seven-minute film, directed by Walt Disney, was the first to combine animation technology with synchronized sound.

Steamboat Willie was one of the earliest animated cartoons, a medium that grew from comic strips and Sunday funnies into a multimillion-dollar business. The short film was based on a cartoon drawing of Mickey by Walt Disney. After *Steamboat Willie*, Walt Disney would go on to create one of the largest media empires in the world.

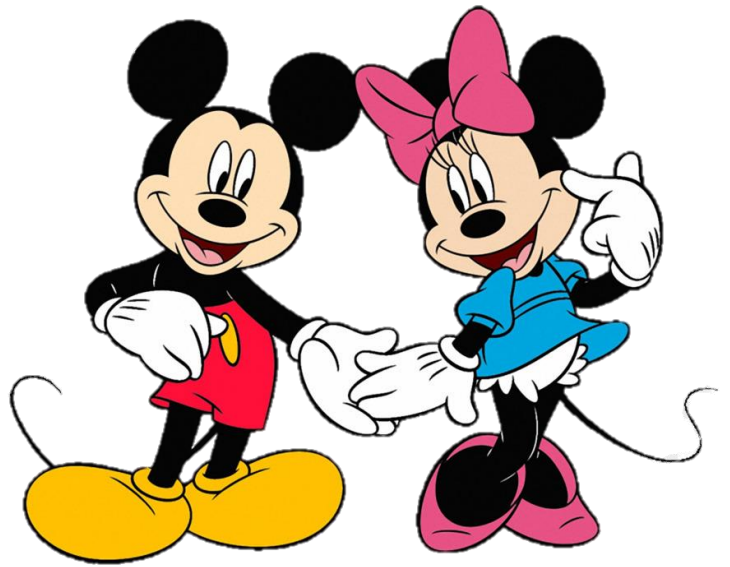
Step 2: In groups or individually, answer the following questions about Mickey Mouse.

- What was the date that Mickey Mouse first appeared in an animated movie?
- Who created Mickey Mouse?
- What was the name of the first animated movie that featured Mickey Mouse?
- How long was the first movie that Mickey Mouse appeared in?
- Who directed the first movie to feature Mickey Mouse?

Step 3: Look at the two pictures below of Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse. The first picture is a drawing of Mickey and Minnie in the 1930s, the second picture is a drawing of Mickey and Minnie today.



Mickey and Minnie in the 1930s



Mickey and Minnie today

Step 4: Compare and contrast the differences and similarities between the pictures. How have the characters changed over time? How have they stayed the same? Discuss your answers with a friend.

Step 5: Read the text below about Mickey Mouse’s biography.

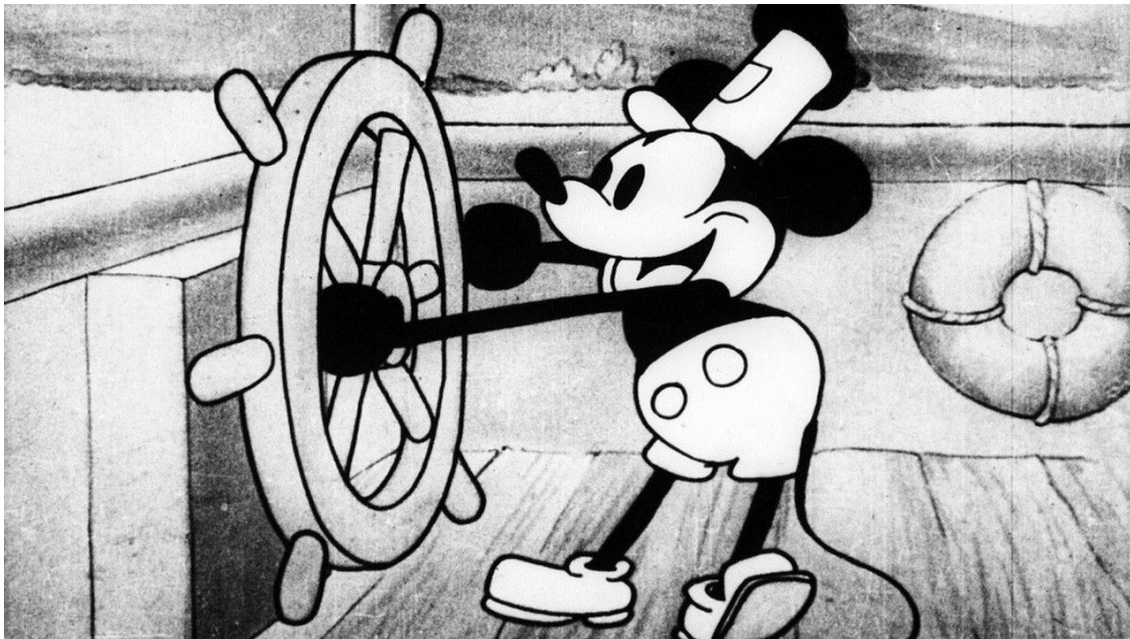
Mickey Mouse debuted in the 1928 animated short cartoon *Steamboat Willie* and went on to become the familiar symbol of Walt Disney studios. Mickey starred in dozens of Disney animated shorts and the 1940 animated feature *Fantasia*, becoming one of the world’s best-known cartoon characters.

After 1950, Mickey rarely appeared in films and instead settled into the role of Disney’s ambassador. He appeared in its advertisements and theme parks, with Mickey’s mouse ears becoming the company symbol. Disney’s daily TV show *The Mickey Mouse Club* was first broadcast in 1955, the same year that Disneyland opened its doors, and the show became a long-running hit. The show’s theme song spelled out Mickey’s name:

M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E!

The Mickey Mouse Club was revived in 1977 and then again in the 1990s. The cast members on the show were called “Mouseketeers”.

According to legend, Walt Disney planned to name the mouse “Mortimer” until his wife suggested the name “Mickey”. Mickey’s longtime girlfriend is Minnie Mouse and his dog is named Pluto.



Mickey in *Steamboat Willie*

Step 6: Based on the passage above, answer the questions as either True or False and write a short sentence to explain your answer.

1. Mickey Mouse didn't debut in the 1928 animated short film *Steamboat Willie*.

True False

2. After *Steamboat Willie* and *Fantasia*, Mickey became one of the world's best-known cartoon characters.

True False

3. Mickey's TV show was called *The Mickey Mouse Club*.

True False

4. Mickey's girlfriend's name is Millie Mouse.

True False

5. Walt Disney wanted to name his cartoon mouse "Matthew" but his wife suggested "Mickey" instead.

True False

6. The cast members on Mickey's TV show are called "Mouseketeers".

True False



Material Sources

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