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EARTH: Rock Stars - Geologists on the Silver Screen

Alexandria, VA - As this summer's blockbuster movie season gets underway, EARTH Magazine asks an important question: In movies, "are geologists portrayed as heroes or villains?" The topic of how geologists are portrayed in film has been oft-debated around a campfire, or over a frosty beverage at the end of a day of fieldwork, but now four scientists bring some serious analysis to the subject in the June issue feature, "Rock Stars - Geologists on the Silver Screen."

The authors - all geologists in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden - define and explore the demographics of movie "geologists," look at the genres in which they've appeared over the years, and even delve into their characters and moral sensibilities. Explore the history of geologists in the movies, and even see who the authors picked as their favorites, in the new issue of EARTH Magazine: <http://www.earthmagazine.org/article/rock-stars-geologists-silver-screen>.

Enjoy the complete June issue of EARTH Magazine by downloading it from the Digital Newsstand at www.earthmagazine.org, or receive the May/June issue by subscribing in print. In it, EARTH Magazine brings you the science behind the headlines with stories on the naming of Earth's most abundant mineral, how scientists are mapping solar winds, and fossils found in China of what are the oldest-known climbing and burrowing mammals. EARTH Magazine also brings you features on new techniques that are helping anthropologists understand humanity's ancestors, and on exploring the glacial geology and vineyards of South Australia. As always, subscribers can participate in the "Where on Earth?" photo contest, and read exclusive interviews with the movers and shakers of the geoscience community.

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