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FUTURES & OPTIONS**Nation's Cities Offer Filmgoers Night at Drive-In ... Minus Car**

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A popular new communal summertime activity is seeing movies out in the open. Cities around the country are offering nighttime films, often free, just after sunset. It's like going to a drive-in, without the convertible. These showings often feature prescreening entertainment and music, too. Here are some options for cinema under the stars.

Long Beach Outdoor Film Series

Aug. 16-Sept. 6
 Marina Green Park
 Shoreline Drive
 Long Beach, Calif.
 888-563-4567; 562-201-2188
www.outdoorfilmseries.com

Actors who starred as Munchkins in the 1939 classic "The Wizard of Oz," will host an Aug. 16 screening in Long Beach. For "Shrek"

on Sept. 13, there's a contest for making -- and eating -- gingerbread boys. For the Sept. 6 "Pearl Harbor" screening, the National Guard will be on hand, but will they stay though the whole three-hour film? Free admission, with suggested \$5 donation. Festivities start at 6 p.m., with the films at dusk.

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Elvis may have left the building, but he'll be appearing on the lawn in the Blue Ridge Mountains. On Aug. 3, Elvis impersonator Keith

Summer Film Series

Through Sept. 7
 Museum Park Outdoor Cinema
 North Carolina Museum of Art
 2110 Blue Ridge Rd.
 Raleigh, N.C.
 919-839-6262
www.ncartmuseum.org

Henderson will perform his tribute show, "Illusions of the King," immediately before a 9 p.m. screening of the classic "Viva Las Vegas." Tickets are \$12. Before a screening of "Ghost World" Aug. 9, there will be a set of country blues. Tickets are \$7. Other films in the series include "The Seven Year Itch" on Aug. 2, "Bull Durham" on Aug. 23 and "A League of Their Own" on Aug. 24.

VEAL WITH A VIEW

The food's the thing at restaurants, of course, but a meal with a view can make eating even more memorable. Here are some spots with choice views, urban and otherwise.

Chicago Sights

North Pond restaurant sits in the middle of Chicago's Lincoln Park and has a view of the city's impressive skyline. The restaurant is in an old skaters' warming house and was recently renovated. Entrees range from \$24 to \$30. Phone, 773-477-5845; www.northpondrestaurant.com

Upper Manhattan Mealtime

The New Leaf Cafe is set in a 1930s stone building inside Fort Tryon Park, quite close to the Cloisters, the Metropolitan Museum of Art's medieval outpost. It has indoor and outdoor patio seating, with views of upper Manhattan. Entrees range from \$12 to \$18. Phone, 212-568-5323.

Milwaukee Views

Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro is a French restaurant with a prime view of Lake Michigan. It features traditional classics, including a French rotisserie for chicken, beef and fish. Entrees are \$18 to \$30. Phone, 412-962-6300; www.lakeparkbistro.com

Dining With the Presidents

Made famous in Alfred Hitchcock's "North by Northwest," where a crucial scene was set, South Dakota's Buffalo Dining Room is open daily in the summer from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Giant picture windows with a view of Mount Rushmore allow you to dine under the stony gaze of four presidents. Phone, 605-574-2515; www.mountrushmoreinfo.com

Teatime in the Tetons

The Teton Pines restaurant, in Jackson, Wyo., in the foothills of the Grand Tetons serves American cuisine. Dining is on a heated outdoor deck in the summertime -- in case the cool mountain nights get nippy. Dinner entrees range from \$15 to \$29. Open daily 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Phone, 307-733-1005; www.tetonpines.com

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Chicago Outdoor Film Festival
 Through Aug. 27
 Butler Field, Grant Park
 Monroe Street and Lake Shore Drive
 Chicago
 312-742-7529
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Tuesdays at sunset, crowds can see thumbs-up classics courtesy of this festival, programmed in partnership with Chicago's Gene

Siskel Film Center. The vibrant Beatles comedy, "A Hard Day's Night" is Tuesday. Hitchcock's masterpiece "Vertigo" is Aug. 20 and "West Side Story" is Aug. 27. Food is sold and baskets can be ordered in advance at 312-377-0933. Best of all: A Chuck Jones cartoon precedes each movie.

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New York City has been the setting for many classic films, but the ones on view here just have Manhattan's skyline as a backdrop. Free screenings are

HBO Bryant Park Summer Film Festival
 Through Aug. 19
 Bryant Park
 Behind New York Public Library
 Avenue of the Americas and 42nd Street
 New York
 212-512-5700
www.digitalcity.com/newyork/hbobryantparkfilm

Mondays at sunset, and New Yorkers crowd the lawn of the elegant, restored Bryant Park in Midtown to see the flicks unfold on a big outdoor screen. A torrid film for a steamy summer night arrives July 29, with the original "The Postman Always Rings Twice," starring bottle-blond Lana Turner. A glossy Sandra Dee-Troy Donahue romance, "A Summer Place," is Aug. 12.

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Fremont Saturday Nite Outdoor Movies
 Through Aug. 31
 North 35th Street and Phinney Avenue North
 Seattle
 206-781-4230
www.outdoorcinema.com

There's entertainment before or after many of the movies being screened here, but Saturday night it's like a live version of the cable-TV cult favorite "Mystery Science Theatre 3000." The Jet City Players, a local improv-comedy troupe, will perform mocking sketches during the film "Jesse James Meets Frankenstein's Daughter." Other films such as "Gladiator," on Aug. 10, will be performed without simultaneous mockery. Following "Wizard of Oz" on Aug. 31, there will be a comedy show, "The Dark Side of Oz." Opens at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5.

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Find movie magic at the Washington Monument. Free films are shown at sunset on Mondays on a giant screen that's 20 feet by 40 feet, and picnickers congregate on the

Screen on the Green
 Through Aug. 12
 Washington Monument grounds
 17th Street and Constitution Avenue

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Monument grounds to soak up cinema. This Monday night is the high-school melodrama "The Blackboard Jungle." Next is "The Yearling," based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. On Aug. 2 is "Viva Las Vegas," a film with a vague Washington connection: President Nixon had his picture taken with Elvis at the White House.

Washington, D.C.
877-262-5866
www.digitalcity.com/screenonthegreen

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Comcast Outdoor Film Festival

Aug. 16-25
Strathmore Center for the Arts
10701 Rockville Pike
North Bethesda, Md.
301-816-6958
www.filmfestnih.org

Free films for good causes. Thousands turn out for this free movie series in Maryland, this year held on the North Bethesda lawn between the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the Strathmore Center for the Arts. The only cost is for food, prepared by local restaurants. Proceeds go to charities of the National Institutes of Health. Coming up Aug. 16 is "Grease." The great Hitchcock espionage thriller "North by Northwest" screens Aug. 22. Restaurant stands open at 7 p.m.; movies begin around dusk.

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It's new music for old movies. At this festival, the scores have been written specifically for each film by contemporary-music groups, who then accompany the movies as they are screened. Coming up is Buster Keaton's 1927 comedy, "The General," with music by Blue Dahlia, a jazz ensemble. Concrete, an electronic orchestra, provides the accompaniment for F.W. Murnau's "Faust" on Aug. 17. Screenings are at 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.

The Sound of Silents Film Festival

Aug. 16-19
Dewey Cannon Park
Three Oaks, Mich.
616-756-3544
www.vickerstheatre.com

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IMA Summer Nights

Through Aug. 30
Indianapolis Museum of Art
1200 W. 38th St.
Indianapolis
317-923-1331
www.ima-art.org

Many films screened in this series have some relationship to Indiana: "Friendly Persuasion," Aug. 9, is the story of a Quaker family in Civil War Indiana. "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," Aug. 30, was directed by Hoosier Robert Wise, who has apparently been forgiven for that film's "V'Ger" plot line by the locals. Snacks, beverages and gourmet box meals are available. Films start at dusk; gates open at 5:30 p.m. for picnicking. General admission

is \$5.

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Hitchcock makes more than his famous cameo appearance at this festival. Patrons can vote for which one out of six of the suspense master's classic movies they want to see screened here, by voting on the Outdoor Cinema Web site. Other than Hitch, the festival is devoted to family and cult films, all shown in the lot next to the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art. Saturday night is "The Sting," with the charismatic pairing of Paul

Boulder Outdoor Cinema

Through Sept. 14
Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art
1750 13th St.
Boulder, Colo.
303-444-1351
www.outdoorcinema.com

Newman and Robert Redford. Admission is \$5.

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Film Night in the Park

Through Sept. 26
Creek Park
400 block of Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
San Anselmo, Calif.
415-453-4333
www.filmnight.org

This festival, which is holding screenings at several locations in the northern suburbs of San Francisco, includes a salute to Katharine Hepburn, with showings of movies from throughout her long career. She's a dizzy, leopard-owning heiress in 1938's "Bringing Up Baby," showing Saturday in Mill Valley. She's a witty prefeminist career lawyer in "Adam's Rib," from 1949, showing Aug. 30 back in San Anselmo. She's a maternal

sage in one of her last movies, 1967's "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," which will be shown Aug. 31. Movies are at 8:30 p.m. There is preshow music and entertainment. Suggested donation is \$5.

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Here, beach movies may actually contain sand -- they're screened monthly on Saturday nights by the bustling shoreline. The films are shown free on an inflatable screen. Saturday, that paean to aimless youth, "American Graffiti," screens, with early-career appearances by Harrison Ford, Mackenzie Phillips and "Thighmaster" Suzanne Somers. It's followed Aug. 31 by the madcap "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." (Think: "We are the knights who say ... Ni!") Drinks and snacks are on sale by a different nonprofit civic group each month. Films begin at 8:15 p.m.

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Through Dec. 21
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DDA Plaza
Southeast corner of Andrews Avenue and Las
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