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Outdoor Cinema Returns To Historic Old Oakland With Classic And Indie Films
Come to Downtown for Dinner and Stay for a Free Movie

OAKLAND, Calif. (June 9, 2005) – The highly successful Old Oakland Outdoor Cinema returns for a second season beginning Saturday, July 16, 2005, with a screening of “West Side Story.” Rita Moreno, who received a “Best Supporting Actress” Oscar for her memorable performance as Anita, will introduce the ever-popular classic at 8:00 p.m. The series, which presents free screenings once a month from July to October, transforms Washington Street between 10th and 9th streets into an outdoor cinema. All screenings begin at sunset. Limited seating is available; filmgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets. For more information, call (510) 238-4734 or visit www.filmoakland.com.

The public is invited to arrive in historic Old Oakland early and enjoy dinner at one of the districts many eateries. Cuisine varies from pub food and juicy steaks to Cajun seafood and sushi. Four new Old Oakland restaurants are opening this season: Breads of India (948 Clay), Tamarindo (468 - 8th Street), Kai’s Japanese (801 Washington) and B Restaurant (499 - 9th Street). During the movie, popcorn and other treats will be available for purchase. For more information on restaurants and cafes in Old Oakland, visit www.oldoakland.com.

The Academy Award winner for “Best Picture” in 1961, “West Side Story” is a musical adaptation of “Romeo and Juliet” set in New York City. Rival street gangs and a love affair between a boy from one gang and a girl from the other leads to conflict and death. Rita Moreno, special guest at the screening, is the only female to have won all four of the most prestigious show business awards: the Oscar, an Emmy, a Tony and a Grammy.

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The cinema series continues on August 20, 2005, with a screening of “Some Like It Hot,” a 1959 comedy by Billy Wilder starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon.

On September 17, 2005, “The Station Agent,” one of this decade’s most critically acclaimed films and winner of the Sundance Award for Best Screenplay, will be shown. Following the main film, “Confessions of a Burning Man,” a documentary that follows four first-time participants at the legendary annual alternative-culture gathering in Nevada’s Black Rock Desert, will be shown as a late night feature.

The 2005 cinema series concludes on October 15 with “Waiting for Guffman,” Christopher Guest’s 1996 comedy featuring the comic genius of Eugene Levy, Catherine O’Hara, Fred Willard and Bob Balaban. “Olive or Twist,” Peter Moody’s kitschy homage to the martini, is billed as the late night feature.

Free parking is available at 8th and Washington streets. Old Oakland is just one block away from the 12th Street/City Center BART station.

The Old Oakland Outdoor Cinema series is presented by the City of Oakland in association with the Old Oakland Historic District Business Association.

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