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Monthly Outdoor Movie Series Returns To Historic Old Oakland On July 15 *Come Downtown for Dinner and Stay for a Movie*

OAKLAND, Calif. (June 21, 2006) – The highly successful Old Oakland Outdoor Cinema series returns for a third season beginning Saturday, July 15, 2006, with the screening of “Network.” Once a month, the series transforms Ninth Street between Broadway and Washington into an outdoor cinema with movies beginning at dusk. Limited seating is available; filmgoers are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets. For more information on the cinema series, call the Oakland Film Office at 238-4734 or visit www.filmoakland.com.

A satirical look at television networks’ drive for ratings, “Network” was named one of the 100 Greatest American Movies of all times by the American Film Institute and was ranked among the top 10 greatest screenplays by the Writers Guild of America. Released in 1976, the film earned an Oscar in four categories: Best Actor (Peter Finch), Best Actress (Faye Dunaway), Best Actress in a Supporting Role (Beatrice Straight) and Best Writing -- screenplay written directly for the screen (Paddy Chayefsky). Other cast members include William Holden, Robert Duvall and Ned Beatty. Those under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in accordance with the feature’s R rating.

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. 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.org.

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The 2006 Old Oakland Outdoor Cinema series continues on August 19, 2006, with a screening of “The Joy Luck Club,” the romantic drama written by Oakland native Amy Tan. Released in 1993, this film looks at the often challenging relationships between young women of Chinese descent born in America and their respective mothers born in feudal China. The film won the Casting Society of America’s Artios Award for Best Casting for Feature Film – Drama and Melanie Chang won a Young Artist Award for Best Actress Under Ten in a Motion Picture.

The action thriller “The Bourne Identity” will be shown on September 16, 2006. Jason Bourne struggles to elude assassins while searching for clues about his past life and identity in this 2002 release starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente. The film won a 2003 ASCAP Award for Top Box Office Films, an American Choreography Award for its fight sequences and a World Stunt Awards’ Taurus Award for its car chase scene.

The movie series concludes on October 21, 2006, with a screening of DreamWorks’ animated comedy “Shrek.” Released in 2001, the film follows a reclusive ogre and his chatterbox sidekick as they venture to rescue an enchanted princess from a tyrannical lord. Top comedic actors, including Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow, lend their vocal talents. “Shrek” won 28 awards including an Oscar for the Best Animated 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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