

CHICAGOLAND MOVIE PALACES: *A Century of Follies & Film*



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SEPTEMBER 6, 2024
through
JANUARY 5, 2025

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Calendar of Events:

September - December 2024

NEW EXHIBIT



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The history of movie theaters is a story of innovation, evolution, and adaptation. From the early Nickelodeons to the modern digital experience, movie theaters have played a crucial role in our culture and have helped to shape the entertainment industry. The movie palaces of the early 20th century sparked public interest in movies with enhanced experiences through elaborate architectural designs, captivating marketing, and the introduction of new technologies like sound and color. While some of the iconic movie palaces of Chicagoland no longer exist, those that remain transport audiences back in time as they watch a movie on the silver screen, just as they did over a century ago.

Chicagoland Movie Palaces: A Century of Follies & Film will explore the first movie palaces built in the Chicagoland area as well as commemorate the centennial celebration of the York Theatre, featuring a special section dedicated to the famous performances and films that have graced the iconic marquee in Elmhurst since 1924.

Exhibit sponsored by:



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SPECIAL EVENT



ELMHURST CRAFT BEER FEST

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. early entry)

Location: Elmhurst History Museum

Cost: \$45 General Admission, \$55 Early Access at 1 p.m., \$20

Designated Driver (\$55 and \$70 after 9/6)

More information: elmhurstcraftbeerfest.com

Raise a glass for the return of the 9th Annual Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest, held on the beautiful grounds of the Elmhurst History Museum! Enjoy craft beer, cider, mead, and seltzers from over 50 renowned brewers, many of which are from Elmhurst and the surrounding areas, live music, and more. New this year, Golden Boy Barbeque will be on site selling delectable BBQ dishes!

Hosted by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising arm for the Elmhurst History Museum, the fest benefits educational programs and exhibits for the museum and the Churchville One-Room Schoolhouse.



SPECIAL EVENT: QUARRY TOUR

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Tours depart every 30 minutes)

Location: Meet at Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Cost: \$15/person

Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org



Tickets will go on sale online only September 3 at 9 a.m. Take a behind the scenes tour of the Elmhurst Quarry Flood Control Facility, a site generally closed to the public. Visit various areas, including private quarry platforms, and see how DuPage County Stormwater Management operates the facility to reduce area flooding. Tours depart from Elmhurst History Museum via bus every 30 minutes from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., and last approximately two hours.

Participants must be prepared to traverse uneven terrain and board and exit a school bus several times during their experience. If you have any accessibility needs or questions, please contact us by Friday, September 6. Ages 10 and up, no exceptions.

OCTOBER

LECTURE

Lights, Camera, Action: The History of Chicago Film

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst City Hall; 209 N. York St.

Cost: FREE to Members, \$5 Non-Members

Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org



From production studios to equipment to marketing, Chicago played a key role in the early days of film. When patent issues caused the industry to move to the West Coast, the city remained a hub to make movies. Join Chicago's first female Film Camera Assistant and recently retired University of Chicago Cinema and Media Studies Professor, Judy Hoffman, as she explores Chicago's film history and considers whether there is a "Chicago Style" of cinema.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night with Elmhurst Brewing

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst Brewing Company; 171 N. Addison Ave.

Cost: FREE

Reservations Required: elmhursthhistory.org

Show off your movie history knowledge with a night of trivia at Elmhurst Brewing. Adult teams of 4-6 can sign up to compete for the win in a game of general and film trivia, hosted by Geeks Who Drink. Food, brews, and other beverages will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Limit: 40 participants.

FILM SCREENING

Young Frankenstein

Friday, October 18, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst Public Library; 125 S. Prospect Ave.

Cost: FREE, no reservations required



Join us at the Elmhurst Public Library to view this 1974 classic spoof comedy about Dr. Frederick Frankenstein and his quest to reanimate the dead. Starring Gene Wilder, Madeline Kahn, Peter Boyle, and Cloris Leachman, the film is rated PG and runs 1 hour and 46 minutes.



BUS TOUR

Classic Cinemas Bus Tour

Monday, October 21, 2024

Time: 8:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Location: Meet at Elmhurst History Museum Education Center

Cost: \$35/person

Reservations Required: elmhursthhistory.org

Get a behind-the-scenes experience at three historic theatres in the Chicagoland area, Classic Cinemas' York Theatre in Elmhurst, Tivoli Theatre in Oak Brook, and Lake Theatre in Oak Park. Enjoy a guided bus tour first stopping at the Lake where guests will learn about the architecture and history behind this iconic movie palace. From there, listen to the historic organ at the Tivoli and embark on a "backstage" tour of the theatre's Vaudeville era stage. Back in Elmhurst, tour the York and watch a brief documentary on the 100-year history of the theatre that inspired our new exhibit. Participants then can grab lunch in beautiful downtown Elmhurst at their leisure, followed by an optional private, guided tour of our new exhibition at 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

GALLERY TALK

Chicagoland Movie Palaces: A Century of Follies & Film

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum

Cost: FREE to Members, \$5 Non-Members

Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org

Join museum staff for a guided tour through the *Chicagoland Movie Palaces: A Century of Follies and Film* exhibit. Includes exclusive access to the museum galleries, an overview of movie palace history highlights, and the opportunity to view an array of interesting artifacts and images, including items on loan from *Jurassic Park* and *The Mummy*, courtesy of NBC Universal.

Can't attend? Access a recorded version on our website 11/4/2024 - 1/5/2025.



LECTURE

No One Ever Sees Indians: Native Americans in Media

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst City Hall; 209 N. York St.

Cost: FREE

Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org

Northern Arapaho Filmmaker, Artist, Writer, and Media Educator, Ernest M. Whiteman III, presents this engaging lecture discussing the many representations of Native Americans in media throughout history and how this has informed audience perceptions of Native people and issues. *This program is supported by a grant from the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars program.*

DECEMBER



LECTURE

A Classic Hollywood Christmas

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Elmhurst City Hall; 209 N. York St.

Cost: FREE to Members, \$5 Non-Members

Reservations Required: elmhursthistory.org

Ring in the holidays with some classic movie magic! Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents the history of several beloved holiday classics from the Golden Age of Hollywood, such as *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *White Christmas*, and *Holiday Inn*, memorable performances, and the legacies of these films today. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips, and captivating stories.

FILM SCREENING

Elf

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Classic Cinemas York Theatre; 150 N. York St.

Cost: \$5/person

Reservations Required: classiccineamas.com/york100/elf



Celebrate the holiday season with a screening of the 2003 holiday classic, *Elf*, on the big screen! A film the entire family can enjoy, *Elf* features Will Ferrell, Bob Newhart, and more, telling the story of a man raised by elves in the North Pole who sets out to find his real family in New York City. After the Christmas comedy, enjoy family-friendly holiday activities in City Centre Plaza.

In partnership with Classic Cinemas and Elmhurst City Centre.



REGISTER ONLINE!

To learn more and/or to purchase tickets for upcoming programs & events, please scan the QR code or visit elmhursthistory.org.