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OLD PASADENA HOSTS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST FREE OUTDOOR FILM FESTIVAL

Old Pasadena Film Festival - July 10 to 25, 2009

PASADENA, CALIF. (July 2009) – Old Pasadena Management presents the Old Pasadena Film Festival, a free three-week movie series that unites film with urban settings, happening on Fridays and Saturdays, July 10 through 25. Featuring twelve screenings, the Old Pasadena Film Festival is the largest free outdoor film festival in Southern California. This unique district-wide festival will showcase a variety of genres that reflect the urban environment of Old Pasadena's famous and historic downtown. All Old Pasadena Film Festival screenings, appearances and events are free and open to the public.

The Old Pasadena Film Festival features one of the only outdoor silent film screenings with a live musical component in the world. The 2009 program includes a very special showing of the recently restored classic silent film, *Daddy Long-Legs* with members of the Malibu Coast Chamber Orchestra performing the soundtrack to the film live. The orchestra comprised of internationally recognized chamber musicians and soloists will perform the dynamic musical score by Maria Newman to the film that coined Mary Pickford as "America's Sweetheart" and one of the most beloved actresses in history.

This exciting celebration of the moving picture will also feature classic musicals including *Singing in the Rain*, *Gypsy* and *Westside Story* on the large outdoor screen in the beautiful One Colorado Courtyard. Other outdoor screenings include 80's classics *Sixteen Candles* and *Footloose*. Distant Lands, the specialty travel bookstore in Old Pasadena, will host travel films while the festival will conclude with a special "date night" showcasing the irresistible teen-drama *Twilight* shown underneath the stars on the rooftop of the School House parking garage. All screenings are free and open to the public.

Old Pasadena Film Festival Schedule:

Friday, July 10

7:30 PM- TRAVEL FILMS: NOTTING HILL

Distant Lands, 54 S. Raymond Ave.

Set in the charming Notting Hill district of London, this film tells the story of an unsuccessful travel bookstore owner whose life is forever changed when he meets and falls in love with the most beautiful and popular actress of the time. She ends up brightening his world, but in the end can he handle being together with the world's most wanted woman?

8:00 PM - MUSICALS: THE KING AND I

One Colorado Courtyard, 41 Hugus Alley

Maria and Joey Newman will discuss their father Alfred Newman's prolific career scoring such notable musicals as *The King & I* and *Camelot*

Five time Academy Award winning Rodgers and Hammerstein musical about a fearless woman who becomes a school teacher in the 1860's to the children of the infamous King Mongkut of Siam. One of the most beloved musicals of our time, *King & I* has made a lasting impression. Scored by the nine time Academy Award winner Alfred Newman.

Saturday, July 11

8:00 PM - CLASSIC SILENT FILM: DADDY LONG-LEGS

One Colorado Courtyard, 41 Hugus Alley

Malibu Coast Chamber Orchestra will be performing the soundtrack of the recently restored film live. A guest from the Mary Pickford society will introduce the film with a discussion on Mary Pickford's prolific career.

Daddy Long-Legs is an endearing classic silent film featuring the genius of actress Mary Pickford. "A warm and witty Cinderella story" about a rebellious orphan who finds her way to success and love in her young adulthood.

9:00 PM - 80s CLASSICS: FOOTLOOSE

Rooftop of Schoolhouse Parking Garage, 33 E. Green Street.

A delightful story of Ren, a teen rebel who moves from the big city to a small town where dancing and rock music are illegal. Will Ren and his classmates be able to change this ordinance in time for Prom? Footloose is a fast paced drama featuring an amazing combination of dance choreography and hit songs.

Friday, July 17

7:30 PM - TRAVEL FILMS: SHIRLEY VALENTINE

Distant Lands, 54 S. Raymond Ave.

Academy Award-nominated drama about a housewife named Shirley Valentine who takes an unexpected trip to Greece with a friend. Greece expands her horizons in ways she could have never predicted. Shirley's life is soon transformed with a new romance and awareness of who she is and what she can be.

8:30 PM - MUSICALS: SINGING IN THE RAIN

One Colorado Courtyard, 41 Hugus Alley

Singing in the Rain features classic film stars Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds and Cyd Charisse in an enjoyable musical comedy. Set in 1927, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a famous on-screen romantic couple but Lina mistakes the onscreen romance for real love. When Lina's and Don's latest movie is transformed into a musical, Don is perfect for the part with a great singing voice. However, Lina's voice must be dubbed over. An aspiring actress named Kathy Selden is brought in and Don quickly falls in love with her. Will Kathy get the big break she deserves? Will Don gain Kathy's affection?

Saturday, July 18

8:30 PM - MUSICALS: WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

One Colorado Courtyard, 41 Hugus Alley

In this beloved 1971 classic, a poor boy, Charlie Bucket wins an opportunity of a life time, to tour a mysterious and amazing candy making factory. When Charlie and the other lucky winners tour the eccentric candy man Willy Wonka's facility chaos ensues in this beloved award winning movie.

9:00 PM - 80s CLASSICS: SIXTEEN CANDLES

Rooftop of Schoolhouse Parking Garage, 33 E. Green Street

Starring the beloved Molly Ringwald, this classic teen comedy follows a young girl's disastrous sixteenth birthday that is anything but special as she suffers from every embarrassment imaginable. Sixteen Candles is a hilarious depiction of a typical American high school teenager.

Friday, July 24

7:30 PM - TRAVEL FILMS: AN AMERICAN IN PARIS

Distant Lands, 54 S. Raymond Ave.

Gene Kelly plays Jerry Mulligan in this 1951 film about a struggling American painter in Paris. Jerry finally finds his big break when he is discovered by an influential heiress. But when the heiress falls for Jerry and Jerry for another woman, a complicated love triangle ensues.

8:30 PM - MUSICALS: GYPSY

One Colorado Courtyard, 41 Hugus Alley

An exciting story based on a Broadway hit about the life and journey of the famous burlesque dancer Gypsy Rose Lee and her controlling stage mom Mama Rose. Louise Hovick is a no talented, awkward woman who is urged into the spotlight by her mother Mama Rose. Her life takes an unexpected twist when she ends up performing burlesque. Soon a new persona emerges as she is transformed into Gypsy Rose Lee.

Saturday, July 25

8:30 PM - MUSICALS: WEST SIDE STORY

One Colorado Courtyard, 41 Hugus Alley

Winner of ten Academy Awards including best picture, West Side Story reveals the racism and social problems found in American cities. Set in gritty New York City in the mid 1950s, the musical follows the rivalry between two teenage gangs of different cultural backgrounds. When one gang member falls in love with the rival gang member's sister, all chaos breaks out.

9:00 PM - DATE MOVIE: TWILIGHT

Rooftop of Schoolhouse Parking Garage, 33 E. Green Street

Teen Bella Swan embarks on a new life in rainy Fork Washington with her father. Her life is suddenly transformed when she meets and falls in love with the mysterious and handsome Edward Cullen. But Edward has a dark side; he is in fact a blood thirsty vampire. Based off the best selling novel, Twilight is a beautifully shot, dark film about unconditional love.

General Public: All screenings are free and open to the public. For more information including a complete schedule, visit www.oldpasadena.org.

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