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Openair Cinema presents Easter Music Film Festival on Waiheke Island

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Denise and Urs Bauer, the organizers of the first big screen outdoor theatre in New Zealand, are planning an Easter session at Onetangi Road Vineyard. “We were thinking of coming back to the island after the Viaduct showings, but didn’t want to jeopardize David Paquette’s Jazz Festival”, says Urs Bauer. “Since it has been cancelled for this year, we’re happy to step in with some great Music Films.”

The Festival, which will again be held at Onetangi Road Vineyard, home of the island's Baroona Brewery, shoots off on Thursday, 24 March, with ‘Brassed Off’. The Cuban Jazz Classic ‘Buena Vista Social Club’ will be screened on Friday and on Saturday ‘Ray’ – the award winning film of the life of Ray Charles, not only a great musician, but also a great character in modern music history. On Easter Sunday the party is set with ‘The Festival Express’ – old footage newly released of Janis Joplin, Grateful Dead and the Band. Then on Monday the Festival concludes with ‘School of Rock’ – which may inspire students of the orchestra of Te Huruhi Primary School...

Ticket prices for the Waiheke screenings are: Adults (\$12), Senior Citizen / Students with ID (\$10), Kids under 12 (\$7). They can be bought at Onetangi Road Vineyard, Family Barrow Oneroa and at the door (cash only), which opens at 7pm. The movie starts at 8pm (after sunset). Tickets are not allocated to a particular night, so make sure you’re there well before the screening starts because of limited space.

Bring your own rugs, cushions, deck chairs and sleeping bags. Onetangi Road Vineyard will be firing up the BBQ with Ostrich Sausages plus great cinema snacks, wine, Baroona beer, soft-drinks and coffee are on offer. No BYO alcohol is allowed.

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Open-Air Cinema is a private initiative of some idealistic Waiheke Island residents. The aim is to add a spark to Auckland’s summer lifestyle and offer a special movie-going experience to Aucklanders and tourists as well.