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Openair Cinema opens with 'No 2'

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The Openair Cinema at the Viaduct Harbour is coming back for a third season. The temporary movie theatre will operate on Te Wero Island from 4 - 26 February 2006. The programme consists of 22 different movies – a real festival of cinematic work around the world – and a New Zealand Premiere: the snowboard documentary 'First Descent' will be shown on Friday 24 February, while Toa Fraser's new feature film 'No 2' opens the Festival on Saturday 4 February.

The programme is again very broad, consisting of new releases like 'King Kong', 'The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe', 'Cinderella Man', 'The Constant Gardener', 'The Legend of Zorro' and 'Harry Potter & The Goblet Of Fire'. The all time classic 'Casablanca' will be shown on Valentines Day, and if you miss that one, the 'love story of the year', 'Pride & Prejudice' follows on the 15 February.

There are some outdoor-classics to be seen, like 'Riding Giants' – a surfing documentary, which complements 'Step into Liquid'; 'Deep Blue' – a gem for all nature lovers with fascinating images of sea life made for the giant screen, and 'Star Wars Episode III – The Return of the Sith' – is there a more appropriate way to see it than under the stars? The latest Arthouse-hits 'The Edukatores', 'The Queen of Sheba's Pearls' and the Argentinian Drama, 'El Perro' complement the programme. The Openair Cinema is also very much a social event – where people scream and laugh together: there will be plenty of that with 'Sideways', the Canadian comedy 'Seducing Dr. Lewis', 'The Wedding Crashers', 'Happy Endings' and the latest French comedy-hit, 'Look at Me'.

All seating is uncovered and allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. The flat seats are \$12 and grandstand seats are \$16 each. The ticket office and gates open at 7pm from 4 February. Tickets may be purchased online now (no booking fees): www.openair.co.nz or at Tourism Auckland's Princess Wharf Visitor Centre during the day.

The movie itself is just one part of the experience - the environment and scenery of the Viaduct Harbour creates the atmosphere for a very special event. Moviegoers can enjoy the sunset, food, wine, beer, soft drinks, coffee and ice cream. No BYO alcohol is allowed. As night falls the giant screen is inflated and an unforgettable movie-going experience begins. The Viaduct Harbour is the ideal location, close to Britomart and many nearby car parks. It is an event for Aucklanders and tourists alike.

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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.