

Openair Cinema in the Countryside

Waiheke, 18 December 2005

For the first time, the Openair Cinema travels north and sets its giant screen up at the Matakana Country Park. For eleven nights, the 18 meter wide and 11 meter high inflatable screen will bring enjoyment to thousands of locals and tourists. “We’re delighted to find such a great spot and motivated team at the Matakana Country Park”, says Urs Bauer, managing Director of the Waiheke Island based family company. Matakana is their second stage after Onetangi Road Vineyard on Waiheke, in a four-stage-tour this summer, which continues in downtown Auckland.

The session opens with the latest New Zealand box-office hit ‘The World’s Fastest Indian’ on Thursday, 19 January. “We hope to have co-star Aaron Murphy from Puhoi with us at the opening night”, says Bauer. The 13-year-old teenager played alongside Anthony Hopkins in the brilliantly made Roger Donaldson film about Kiwi-hero and bike-fanatic Burt Munro. On Friday the Cinema screens the newest Harry Potter adventure ‘The Goblet of Fire’, followed by Peter Jackson’s great remake of ‘King Kong’ on Saturday.

On Sunday night, families are invited to watch the beautiful documentary ‘Deep Blue’ with impressive images of creatures living in our Oceans, followed by the romantic drama ‘Pride & Prejudice’ recounting Jane Austen’s novel about five sisters in Georgian England. The iconic classic ‘Casablanca’ (1942), starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman is next on the list, followed by ‘Buena Vista Social Club’ the art-house documentary by Wim Wenders, featuring Ry Cooder and all the ageing stars of Cuban Jazz. After the second screening of ‘The World’s Fastest Indian’ on Thursday, the local surfers will be delighted to see the ‘Riding Giants’ mastering the world’s biggest surf on Friday. ‘King Kong’ screens again on Saturday, to be followed by the brilliant music-documentary ‘Festival Express’. This film has only been shown a few times in New Zealand, and it’s a great story of bands like ‘Grateful Dead’, ‘The Band’, ‘Janis Joplin’ and more, touring on a train through Canada. Laugh, cry, sing and dance with them – it’s the final night party.

Doors open at 7.30pm and the movie starts at 8.45pm. No seating available, so please bring your own rugs, cushions, deck chairs or bean bags.

Ticket prices are: Adults (\$12), Senior Citizen / Students with ID (\$10), Kids under 12 (\$7). You can buy tickets at the Matakana Country Park and at the door (cash only). Tickets are not allocated to a particular movie.

There will be light meals, snacks, ice-cream, soft-drinks, coffee, wine and beer on sale. If preferred you can bring your own food. No BYO alcohol is allowed.

Programme: www.openair.co.nz

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