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Openair Cinema ready for three month Marathon

Openair Cinema, the first giant-screen outdoor movie theatre in New Zealand, which started its business in summer 2003/4, is back on the road with two new venues.

After an exciting premiere of the World's Fastest Indian on Waiheke Island, with more than 700 people attending and a three night season-opener during Labour Weekend, Openair Cinema starts its regular season on 29 December with the latest 'Harry Potter', followed by 'King Kong' at Onetangi Road Vineyard. The program, which runs until Sunday 15 January consists of recent releases as well as old time favourite, Monty Pythons 'Life of Brian' for a New Years Eve party.

Then the Cinema will move to Matakana Country Park, for 11 screenings from 19 to 29 January. While those two venues are set in a natural environment, where people are invited to bring their own seating, the third venue at the Viaduct Harbour provides seating for up to 1200 people. The third season on the open-air stage on Te Wero Island at the Viaduct Harbour opens on Saturday, 4 February and runs until Sunday, 26 February. The program will be announced soon and will consist of at least one NZ Premiere.

After the month-long exhibition, 'Co-Existence', the Openair Cinema will make use of the venue at the historic Britomart precinct and turn it into a temporary outdoor theatre. Fully licensed and with a temporary grass area, surrounded by old business buildings and sheltered from the wind from most directions, the set-up will be extraordinary. From Tuesday 7 to Sunday 19 March 2006, the organisers will show a selection of co-existence and urban themed films.

Around Easter the Waiheke based operation is expected back on the island for its season finale – with the second edition of the successful 'Music Film Festival'.

The programs for the different venues are published on www.openair.co.nz from mid December and online-booking is available at the same time but only for the Viaduct and Britomart seasons, where the seating is limited. Ticket sales for the two city venues open in January from the Tourism Auckland office (Princess Wharf).

Again, Open-Air Cinema Ltd. is honoured to have their long time partners on board for this season, namely Auckland City, Heart of the City of Auckland, Network Visuals and Tourism Auckland.

TIMETABLE

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| Waiheke Island | 29 December 2005 – 15 January 2006 |
| Matakana Country Park | 19 January – 29 January 2006 |
| Viaduct Harbour | 4 February – 26 February 2006 |
| Britomart Historic Precinct | 7 March – 19 March 2006 |
| Waiheke Island | End March / April |

There are also several public screenings planned e.g. Papakura Town Centre & Mission Bay's Selwyn Park.

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