

KING KONG gets first outdoor screening on Waiheke Island

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The Openair Cinema and Onetangi Road Vineyard are preparing their season, which opens on Thursday 29 December with the newest Harry Potter adventure 'The Goblet of Fire', followed by Peter Jackson's brilliant remake of King Kong. "We're thrilled to have Peter's support to be the first to screen his newest work outdoors in New Zealand and probably in the World. Playing on a pacific island, it suits our set-up at Onetangi Road Vineyard, which will create a great atmosphere for the movie." Until Sunday 15 January the line-up presents a broad range of cinematic productions from around the world.

After the two Blockbuster sessions, the time's right for comedy, 'Monty Python's Life of Brian' is a great movie to have prior to a New Year's party. "Comedies are especially great to watch in an outdoor venue, as people start interacting with the movie and the whole thing gets really emotional and funny", explains managing Director Urs Bauer. On Sunday 1 January, the cinema makes another attempt at screening the brilliant documentary 'Deep Blue' about sea life. The documentary 'Mondovino', about the global wine market and its background, should get some interest not only for winegrowers and wine lovers, but also for critics of globalization, as there's a lot going on behind the scenes of the red juice.

'Dinner Rush' is a brilliant comic-melodrama by young Italian filmmaker Bob Giraldi with Danny Aiello as Louis, an aging bookie and restaurateur. With the aid of a witty script and a well-acted ensemble, Dinner Rush is a tasty dish.

On Wednesday, we'll bring on the long awaited surfing hit 'Riding Giants' and Anthony Hopkins gets his third screening of 'The World's Fastest Indian' on Waiheke Island, on Thursday 5 January. This film is awesome and shows real 'Kiwi-spirit', which makes you feel so good.

"Well, you may want to see Star Wars on the moon, but otherwise there's no better place than under the open sky", says Urs Bauer. The final third Episode, and critics say, the best ever episode of George Lucas Sci-Fi series, will be shown on Saturday 7 January.

Openair Cinema is proud to show the first Fijian feature film 'The Land has Eyes', which was entered in last year's Oscar nominations. Although the drama has been criticized for its editing and some of the acting, it is an important work and provides a fascinating window into a culture most of us don't know.

If you haven't seen it yet or want to see it again, now's the time: 'The Motorcycle Diaries' is a great film about Che Guevaras' (Gael Garcia Bernal) personal adventure touring South America with his friend Alberto Granado on a motorbike. This great arthouse movie is followed by a Danish production called 'Strings', a puppet-theatre which is stunning thanks to its inspired cinematography and vocal cast, which bring the puppets to life. This film only opened in December in New Zealand and it was rated with four stars in the Christchurch Press.

The final weekend starts on Wednesday with the romantic drama 'Pride & Prejudice', which is based on Jane Austen's novel about five sisters in Georgian England. While 'Pride & Prejudice' is set in the mid 19th Century, the drama 'Stage Beauty' goes back to the 1660's at a time when women's

theatre roles were played by men. But when Charles II was tired of seeing the same old performers, the ruler allowed real women to tread the boards and men no longer played women's parts. This film is a hidden treasure and won the 'Overlooked Film Award' at the Phoenix Film Festival in 2004.

'King Kong' (Friday, 13 January) and 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' (Saturday) get their second screenings and the Canadian comedy 'Seducing Dr. Lewis', which is set on an Island like Waiheke, closes the session at Onetangi Road Vineyard on Sunday.

Ticket prices are: Adults (\$12), Senior Citizens / Students with ID (\$10), Kids under 12(\$7). You can buy them at Onetangi Road Vineyard, Four Square (Family Barrow) Oneroa and at the door (cash only), which opens at 8pm. The show starts at 9pm.

NEW SHUTTLE BUS: Jamie from Waiheke Adventure offers a shuttle-bus after the shows (ticket price dependant on distance travelled).

Bring your own rugs, cushions, deck chairs and sleeping bags. There are light meals, snacks, ice-cream, soft-drinks, coffee, wine and Baroona beer on sale. No BYO alcohol is allowed.

Programme: www.openair.co.nz

WAIHEKE	Date	Movie	Genre	Class	Runtime
Thursday	29.12.05	Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire	Adventure / Fantasy	M	157
Friday	30.12.05	King Kong	Adventure / Fantasy	G	189
Saturday	31.12.05	Monty Python's – Life of Brian	Comedy	M	94
Sunday	1.1.06	Deep Blue	Documentary	G	83
Monday	2.1.06	Mondovino	Documentary	PG	135
Tuesday	3.1.06	Dinner Rush	Mafia / Crime	R16	99
Wednesday	4.1.06	Riding Giants	Documentary	M	105
Thursday	5.1.06	The World's Fastest Indian	Adventure	PG	127
Friday	6.1.06	private function			
Saturday	7.1.06	Star Wars Episode 3	Sci-Fiction / Adventure	M	140
Sunday	8.1.06	The Land has Eyes	Drama	M	87
Monday	9.1.06	The Motorcycle Diaries	Adventure / Drama Spanish with English sub titles	M	128
Tuesday	10.1.06	Strings	Drama / Fantasy	PG	88
Wednesday	11.1.06	Pride & Prejudice	Romance / Drama	G	127
Thursday	12.1.06	Stage Beauty	Romance / Drama	M	106
Friday	13.1.06	King Kong	Adventure / Fantasy	G	127
Saturday	14.1.06	Harry Potter & The Goblet of Fire	Adventure / Fantasy	M	157
Sunday	15.1.06	Seducing Dr. Lewis	Comedy French with English sub titles	PG	108

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