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Openair Cinema announces exciting programme

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The Openair Cinema at Onetangi Road Vineyard is preparing their season, which opens on Boxing Day with full steam! Until Sunday 9 January the changing daily line-up presents a broad range of cinematic productions from around the world.

The opening night will set the tone with a party of dressed-up Waihekians to see the classic Musical 'Hair'. As a pre-show treat we are screening the New Zealand made digital action short film, 'Grass' by Simon Otto. The week continues with the monumental documentary, 'Travelling Birds' – a gem for outdoor movie lovers, and 'The Incredibles'. This latest Disney Production opens just a few days earlier in New Zealand and it will be a great family experience. Kids may bring their sleeping bags, because the movie will start after nine. 'Step into Liquid', rated as the best surfing movie ever, and 'Two Brothers', a story about two tiger cubs, are again perfect to be seen outdoors.

Don't know what to do until midnight on New Years Eve? Have a laugh with 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding', to get into the party-mood! Tom Cruise, the bad guy, in his latest movie 'Collateral' is on 1 January. The only action-thriller this outdoor season is 'Touching the Void', a brilliantly made documentary about two blokes in a thrilling climbing accident.

Nothing needs to be said about the classic 'Casablanca' with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman on 3 January. The party is on again with 'The Commitments' – the Irish soul band who gave new life to old hits, and the New Zealand classic 'Came a Hot Friday' (shown on Wednesday) - good for a laugh. 'Fracture' is one of the latest New Zealand productions, which has had great success overseas and also deserves a place in the line-up.

The final weekend starts off with the Wim Wenders' Production, 'Buena Vista Social Club' - let's dance to the hot Cuban rhythms! 'Cinema Paradiso' is one of the greatest Italian movies - Oscar winner and just a wonderful story about friendship and love of the cinema. The movie is the original Italian version with English sub-titles. The Festival concludes with New Zealand's most successful movie ever (besides Lord of the Rings) - 'The Whale Rider'.

Tickets prices are: Adults (\$10), Senior Citizen / Students with ID (\$8), Kids under 12 (\$5). You can buy them at Onetangi Road Vineyard, Family Barrow Oneroa, Tourism Auckland Offices (Oneroa and Matiatia) and at the door (cash only), which opens at 7pm.

Bring your own rugs, cushions, deck chairs and sleeping bags. There are light meals, snacks, ice-cream, soft-drinks, coffee, wine and beer on sale. 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.