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Openair Cinema at Ridgeview Estate, Waiheke Island

After a break, Openair Cinema is back on Waiheke Island for a four night run from 22 to 25 January 2009. Ridgeview Estate, near the Airfield, is hosting the biggest outdoor screen in New Zealand and the operators, former Waiheke residents Urs and Denise Bauer, are thrilled to offer some spectacular films to the islanders and to catch up with many friends. As always, the Cinema has every night a different movie on its cards and the broad variety gives everybody a chance to watch their favourite outdoors.

The screenings kick off with a very special experience: a masterpiece of well known director Martin Scorsese, “Shine a Light”. In an intimate atmosphere he captures the “Rolling Stones” at a concert in New York. An outstanding piece of cinematography – not to forget the always popular music.

On Friday night Batman is on the roll with “The Dark Knight”. It’s filmmaking at its best; its subject matter may be dark and depressing, but it's tough not to feel exhilarated by its artistry when the credits begin to roll. Christian Bale is magnificent as the tortured hero 'Batman', but the movie belongs to its freaky villain 'The Joker' played by the late Heath Ledger, who may gets an Oscar for his splendid performance.

Saturday is the classic family night, this time with the brand new “Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa”. The Openair Cinema had the privilege to host it’s New Zealand premiere at the Auckland Zoo to an excited audience in mid December.

On Sunday the mini Festival concludes with the latest environment Documentary “Earth” on Wednesday night. A very powerful film about life and the delicate balance we all share with the rest of the inhabitants of Earth. This film has some of the most breathtaking photography ever seen – it’s made for the big screen!

The Openair Cinema programme is published online: www.openair.co.nz. Tickets can be bought at the gate and prices are \$12 for Adults, \$10 for Senior Citizens and Students and \$6 for Children under twelve. Family passes are \$30 (for 2 adults and 2 kids)

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