



****MEDIA ADVISORY: Monday, April 30, 2012****

Participating Cineplex Entertainment Theatres Offer the Latest Events in May

Each month, Cineplex Entertainment's *Front Row Centre Events* offers our guests great entertainment on the big screen. Met Opera, stage productions, movies and more can be seen at participating Cineplex theatres. Here is your listing of the many great *Front Row Centre Events* Cineplex has in May.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH:

Documentaries



***China Heavyweight* – A Hot Docs Live presentation**

When: May 2, 2012 at 9:00 p.m. ET, 8:00 pm CT, 7:00 pm MT, 6:00 pm PT

In southwestern China, state athletic coaches scour the countryside to recruit poor, rural teenagers who demonstrate a natural ability to throw a good punch. Moved into boxing training centers, these boys and girls undergo a rigorous regimen that grooms them to be China's next Olympic heroes but also prepares them for life outside the ring.



***Indie Game: The Movie* – A Hot Docs Live presentation**

When: May 3, 2012 at 9:00 p.m. ET, 8:00 pm CT, 7:00 pm MT, 6:00 pm PT

A look at underdogs of the video game industry - indie game developers. These developers sacrifice money, health and sanity to realize their lifelong dreams of sharing their creative visions with the world. In this Sundance hit and award-winner, Lisanne Pajot and James Swirsky capture the tension and drama by focusing on the artists' vulnerability and obsessive quest to express themselves through a 21st-century art form.

Stage and Theatre



Barrymore

When: May 23, 2012 showtimes vary by location

A film adaptation of playwright William Luce's *Barrymore* that depicts actor John Barrymore as he prepares for a revival of his 1920 Broadway triumph in *Richard III*. The year is 1942 and Barrymore is far past his prime. It appears he has booked the theatre simply to perform alone, while he drinks and reminisces about his family and the profession of acting. Meanwhile, a stage manager stands in the wings, prompting Barrymore with Shakespeare's dialogue, but the actor appears to be otherwise distracted.

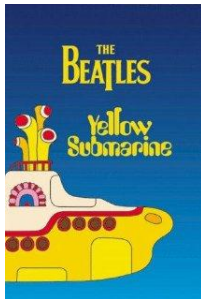


One Man, Two Guvnors (encore) – National Theatre Live 2011-12 Season

When: May 5, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. local time

From the internationally acclaimed theatre that brought you *War Horse* and *The History Boys*, comes London's biggest smash-hit comedy in years. The National Theatre of Great Britain presents the comedy sensation *One Man, Two Guvnors*, winner of the Evening Standard Award and the Critics' Circle Award. Directed by Tony® and Olivier Award winner Nicholas Hytner, Richard Bean's side-splitting comedy returns captured live from the London stage.

Movies



Yellow Submarine

When: May 24, 2012 showtimes vary by location

The animated feature starring The Beatles is back on the big screen for one night only! Currently out of print, the film has been restored in 4K digital resolution for the first time by Paul Rutan Jr. and his team of specialists at Triage Motion Pictures and Eque Inc. Due to the delicate nature of the hand-drawn original artwork, no automated software was used in the digital clean-up of the film's restored photochemical elements. This was all done by hand, frame by frame.

Opera



The Ring cycle

When: May 7 – 19, 2012 showtimes vary

The Metropolitan Opera's new production of Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen* features a cast of today's greatest Wagnerian singers, led by Bryn Terfel (Wotan), Deborah Voigt (Brünnhilde), Jay Hunter Morris (Siegfried), and Jonas Kaufmann (Siegmund). The four-opera epic is directed by Robert Lepage and conducted by Met Music Director James Levine and the company's Principal Conductor Fabio Luisi.



Wagner's Dream – The Ring cycle

When: May 7, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. local time

The stakes could not be higher as visionary director Robert Lepage, the world's greatest opera singers and the Metropolitan Opera tackle Wagner's *Ring* cycle. This documentary provides an intimate look at the enormous theatrical and musical challenges of staging opera's most monumental work, the film chronicles the quest to fulfill Wagner's dream of a perfect *Ring*.



Das Rheingold – The Ring cycle

When: May 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. local time

Robert Lepage's new production of the *Ring* cycle opens with the prologue to Wagner's epic drama, conducted by James Levine. Bryn Terfel sings the leading role of Wotan for the first time with the company, heading an extraordinary cast.



Die Walküre – The Ring cycle

When: May 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. local time

The Met has assembled a stellar cast for this second installment of Robert Lepage's new production of the *Ring* cycle, conducted by James Levine: Bryn Terfel is Wotan, lord of the Gods. Deborah Voigt adds the part of Brünnhilde to her extensive Wagnerian repertoire at the Met. Jonas Kaufmann and Eva-Maria Westbroek star as the twins, Siegmund and Sieglinde, and Stephanie Blythe is Fricka.



Siegfried – The Ring cycle

When: May 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. local time

In part three of the *Ring*, Wagner's cosmic vision focuses on his hero's early conquests, while Robert Lepage's revolutionary stage machine transforms itself from bewitched forest to mountaintop love nest. Jay Hunter Morris sings the title role and Deborah Voigt's Brünnhilde is his prize. Bryn Terfel is the Wanderer. Fabio Luisi conducts.



Götterdämmerung – The Ring cycle

When: May 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. local time

With its cataclysmic climax, the Met's new *Ring* cycle, directed by Robert Lepage, comes to its resolution. Deborah Voigt stars as Brünnhilde and Jay Hunter Morris is Siegfried—the star-crossed lovers doomed by fate. Fabio Luisi conducts.



Massenet's Manon (encore) – The Met: Live in HD 2011-12 Season

When: May 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. local time

Anna Netrebko's dazzling portrayal of the tragic heroine in Laurent Pelly's new production travels to the Met from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Piotr Beczala and Paulo Szot also star, with the Met's Principal Guest Conductor Fabio Luisi on the podium.



Verdi's La Traviata (encore) – The Met: Live in HD 2011-12 Season

When: May 26, 2012 at 12:55 p.m. local time

Natalie Dessay will put on the red dress in Willy Decker's stunning production, in her first Violetta at the Met. Matthew Polenzani sings Alfredo, Dmitri Hvorostovsky is Germont, and Principal Guest Conductor Fabio Luisi is on the podium.

ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

Speaking Engagement



This American Life: You Can't Do That On The Radio

When: May 10, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. ET, 7:00 p.m. PT, MT, CT

The hit radio show *This American Life* will beam a stage performance live into movie theatres across the US, Canada and on a delayed basis to Australia. Host Ira Glass will curate the program, entitled *You Can't Do That On The Radio* - a celebration of visuals and performance, including music, dance, comedy, video and more... things that don't quite fit onto the radio show, which reaches about three million weekly listeners worldwide.

Sports Entertainment



WWE Over the Limit

When: May 20, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. ET, 5 p.m. PT

The biggest names in sports entertainment will try to settle their differences live at the RBC Center in Raleigh, NC.

Movies



Goldfinger – A Most Wanted Mondays Presentation

When: May 28, 2012 at 7 p.m. local time

Goldfinger is the third film in the James Bond series and also the third to star Sean Connery as the fictional MI6 agent James Bond. Released in 1964, it is based on the novel of the same name by Ian Fleming. The film's plot has Bond investigating gold smuggling by gold magnate Auric Goldfinger and eventually uncovering Goldfinger's plans to attack the United States Bullion Depository at Fort Knox.

Cast: Gert Fröbe, Honor Blackman, Sean Connery



Streetcar Named Desire (1951) – A Classic Film Series Presentation

When: May 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m. local time

May 27, 2012, 1:00 p.m. local time

Disturbed Blanche DuBois moves in with her sister in New Orleans and is tormented by her brutish brother-in-law while her reality crumbles around her.

Winner of four Academy Awards including: Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Karl Malden), Best Actress in a Leading Role (Vivien Leigh) and Best Actress in a Supporting Role (Kim Hunter)

Stars: Vivien Leigh, Marlon Brando, Kim Hunter, Karl Malden



Short Circuit (1986) – A Family Favourites Presentation

When: May 5, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. local time

When a laser-armed Department of Defense robot named Number 5 gets zapped by a lightning bolt, he "malfunctions" and starts spouting peace slogans and developing a human-like consciousness.

Stars: Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg, Fisher Stevens, Austin Pendleton, G.W. Bailey, Brian McNamara, Marvin J McIntyre, John Garber

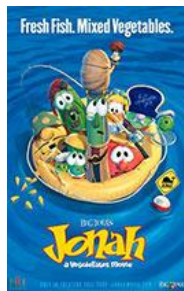


Chicken Run (2000) – A Family Favourites Presentation

When: May 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. local time

They are prisoners trapped behind barbed wire, fearing for their very lives and dreaming only of the outside world. But this is no ordinary prison and these are no ordinary jailbirds. They're the inmates at Tweedy's Egg Farm, where any chicken who doesn't put breakfast on the table can wind up as dinner.

Stars: Mel Gibson, Julia Sawalha, Miranda Richardson, Phil Daniels, Lynn Ferguson, Tony Haygarth, Jane Horrocks, Timothy Spall



Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (2002) – A Family Favourites Presentation

When: May 19, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. local time

After a heated battle with a clothesline, a pair of boxer shorts and porcupines, Bob the Tomato and the Veggie kids find themselves at an old, rundown seafood joint where nothing is quite as it seems.

Stars: Phil Vischer, Mike Nawrocki, Lisa Vischer, Kristin Blegan, Tim Hodge, Dan Anderson, Shelby Vischer, Jim Poole, Ron Smith



Muppets Take Manhattan (1984) – A Family Favourites Presentation

When: May 26, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. local time

Fresh out of college, Kermit, Fozzie and the entire cast of Kermit's musical *Manhattan Melodies* head for the Big Apple with plans to turn their small play into a big hit. All they need now is someone to produce their show. But when no one in town will even meet with them, it's up to Kermit to believe hard enough for all of his friends that the show WILL go on.

Stars: Bruce Edward Hall, James J Kroupa, David Rudman, Melissa Whitmire, Michael Earl Davis, Glenngo King, Tim DeHaas

Coming in June: From the National Theatre – *Frankenstein*, Bolshoi Ballet live - *Raymonda*, classic and family favourite movies and more!

WHERE: A complete list of locations for each event can be found at www.cineplex.com/events.

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