



SUNDOWN CINEMA: FILM NIGHT IN THE PARK RETURNS TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR SIXTH SEASON ON MAY 17

Presented by SF Parks Alliance and Alamo Draffthouse Cinema and driven by Waymo, Sundown Cinema will bring seven films and pre-show entertainment to seven SF parks

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (April 11, 2024) – Today, **SF Parks Alliance** announces the sixth season of **Sundown Cinema**, the popular free outdoor movie series that takes place in San Francisco parks. This season of Sundown Cinema will feature seven films in seven parks across the city, including sing-alongs, car chases, home videos, and family-friendly hits.

"The magic of Sundown Cinema is in the community you find in our city parks, and the films this year really welcome community interaction," says Drew Becher, CEO of SF Parks Alliance. "There's going to be a lot of singing, laughing, and cheering. And probably some tears at *Selena*."

Sundown Cinema debuts Friday, May 17, at Dolores Park with a *Selena* sing-along. Next, the series will head to the Presidio Civil War Parade Ground for a screening of *Bullitt* on June 14. For the first time, Sundown Cinema will be hosted at Glen Park for the David Bowie-led cult classic *Labyrinth* on July 12.

In another first, Sundown Cinema is partnering with the Prelinger Archives to screen SF's *Lost Landscapes: Found Home Movies*. The film, cut and edited specially for Sundown Cinema, is an eclectic montage of lost and rarely-seen historical film clips showing life, survival, and celebration in San Francisco as captured by amateurs. The footage is carefully curated by Rick Prelinger, a Bay Area guerrilla archivist who collects the uncollected and makes it accessible.

Other highlights for the 2024 season include *Barbie* at the Ferry Building and *The Princess and the Frog* at India Basin Waterfront. The season culminates with *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, plus a Halloween costume contest and sing-along, at Jerry Garcia Amphitheater in McLaren Park on October 18.

"One of our core values at Alamo Draffthouse is to Foster Community, so we try to take any opportunity we can to help put on events like this," says Alamo Draffthouse CEO Michael Kustermann. "Of course we love the cinema experience, but it's hard to beat getting together and watching a movie under the stars."

In addition to the movie screenings, each Sundown Cinema event will include local food trucks and themed pre-show entertainment.

"We are thrilled to support the new season of Sundown Cinema, a cherished community event series that brings people together in the heart of San Francisco's parks," said Sarah

Dennis Philips, Executive Director for the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. "These screenings foster economic vitality within our neighborhoods, while also providing engaging outdoor entertainment for attendees."

The entire series is free and open to the public. Attendees can secure reserved seating by becoming an SF Parks Alliance member in advance. Reserved seating ensures attendees have a space to sit, even during the most popular and busy events.

Membership supports SF Parks Alliance, the only citywide parks nonprofit in San Francisco, and comes with all the additional benefits listed [here](#). Current members and those interested in joining can secure reserved seating [here](#), and all attendees are encouraged to RSVP to movie nights in advance at dothebay.com/sundowncinema to win reserved seating and prizes.

Sundown Cinema is presented by **SF Parks Alliance** and **Alamo Drafthouse Cinema** and is driven by **Waymo**. It is produced by **SF Parks Alliance** and **DoTheBay** in partnership with the **SF Recreation & Parks Department**, the **Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD)**, the **Ferry Building**, and the **Presidio Trust**. Special thanks to the **City of San Francisco** and **Xfinity** for making another year of this celebrated series possible.

Sundown Cinema Schedule [all movies will begin shortly after sundown]

- Friday, May 17 @ Dolores Park - Selena (sing-along)
- Friday, June 14 @ Presidio - Bullitt
- Friday, July 12 @ Glen Park - Labyrinth
- Friday, August 2 @ The Ferry Building - Barbie
- Friday, September 6 @ Duboce Park - SF's Lost Landscapes: Found Home Movies
- Friday, October 4 @ India Basin Waterfront - The Princess and the Frog
- Friday, October 18 @ Jerry Garcia Amphitheater - The Nightmare Before Christmas (costume contest)

Approved Links

RSVP for a chance to win reserved seating + prizes at each screening:
dothebay.com/sundowncinema

Support SF Parks Alliance by purchasing reserved seating:
<https://secure.sfparksalliance.org/campaign/532476/donate>

SF Parks Alliance Media Kit

About San Francisco Parks Alliance

SF Parks Alliance is San Francisco's only citywide parks nonprofit. For over 50 years, we've been partnering closely with communities and public agencies to create, sustain, and advocate for parks and public spaces across the city. We believe that everyone deserves access to safe and welcoming community spaces, regardless of where they live in San Francisco.

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About Alamo Drafthouse

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema was founded in 1997 as a single-screen mom and pop repertory theater in Austin, TX. Twenty-six years later, with 40 locations and counting, Alamo Drafthouse has been called “the best theater in America” by Entertainment Weekly and “the best theater in the world” by Wired. Alamo Drafthouse has built a reputation as a movie lover’s oasis not only by combining best-in-class food and drink service with the movie-going experience, but also introducing unique programming and high-profile, star-studded special events. Alamo Drafthouse created Fantastic Fest, a world-renowned genre film festival dubbed “The Geek Telluride” by Variety featuring independents, international filmmakers, and major Hollywood studios. Alamo Drafthouse continues to expand its brand in new and exciting ways, including the American Genre Film Archive, a non-profit film archive dedicated to preserving, restoring and sharing film, and with eight new theaters announced for this year and beyond.

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About Waymo

Waymo is an autonomous driving technology company with a mission to make it safe and easy for people and things to get where they’re going. Since its start as the Google Self-Driving Car Project in 2009, Waymo has been focused on improving the world’s access to mobility while saving thousands of lives now lost to traffic crashes. To date, Waymo has driven tens of millions of miles on public roads and tens of billions of miles in simulation. For more: www.waymo.com

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