

Thursday 7 February 2013

COMEDY! ANIMATION! ACTION! CINEMA IN THE PARK RETURNS

Cinema in the Park returns March 1 - 9, with a bumper crop of movies over two weekends, featuring top draw action, comedy and animations.

From ancient rugged Scotland **Brave**, to adventures on the high seas **Ice Age 4** and swanky Beverley Hills **Chihuahua 3 Viva La Fiesta**, kids of all ages will delight in the antics and adventures of their favourite animated characters.

For the mums and dads there's the wry humour of the 2012 hit **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** (subtitled), and the futuristic action movie **Hunger Games** will keep the adrenalin pumping.

"Our summer festival of movies under the stars always offers great movies, convenient locations and free admission," says City of Ryde Events Manager, Derek McCarthy.

"The movies have wide family appeal with something for kids, teens and parents.

"We're also the only festival of this kind to cater to the deaf and hearing impaired community with a subtitled screening this year of hit movie **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**."

So, pack a picnic, a blanket or low chair and head to a park or plaza near you for a great night out under the stars with family, friends and your favourite movie characters.

All movies start at sundown, approx. 8.00pm. Free entry. Movie snacks available.

Weekend One - March 1, 2, 3

Ice Age 4: Continental Drift

Friday 1 March

Morrison Bay Park, Frances Road, Putney

Family/Animation, PG, 88 Minutes

Manny, Diego, and Sid embark upon another adventure after their continent is set adrift, using an iceberg as a ship. Along the way, they encounter sea creatures and battle pirates as they explore a new world.

Featuring Voices of: Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Peter Dinklage.

Beverley Hills Chihuahua 3: Viva La Fiesta!

Saturday 2 March

Eastwood Plaza, Rowe Street, Eastwood

Family, Rated G, 89 Minutes

As Papi, Chloe and their adorable pups move to a swanky Beverly Hills Hotel with their owners, they encounter one challenge after another. A celebration reminds humans and canines alike the importance of family and friends. Featuring voices of: Odette Annable, George Lopez, Frances Fisher.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel - Subtitles for the hearing impaired

Sunday 3 March

Ryde Wharf Reserve, Belmore Street, Ryde

Comedy/Drama, Rated PG, 123 minutes

A group of British retirees "outsource" their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic Indian hotel. Enticed by visions of a life of leisure, they arrive to find the palace a shell of its former self and managed by a young dreamer. Starring: Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Tom Wilkinson, Maggie Smith

Weekend Two March 8, 9

The Hunger Games

Friday 8 March

Lakeside Lawn, Gymnasium Road, Macquarie University

Action, Rated M, 142 Minutes

Every year in the ruins of what was once North America, the Capitol of the nation of Panem forces each of its 12 districts to send a teenage boy and girl to compete in the Hunger Games - a nationally televised battle to the death. Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Elizabeth Banks, Liam Hemsworth

Brave

Saturday 9 March

Yamble Reserve, Quarry Road, Ryde

Children/Family, Animation, PG, 100 Minutes

In ancient and rugged Scotland, impetuous princess Merida discovers that her reckless choice has put both her family and her father's kingdom in peril when she tries to thwart their attempt to marry her off. Featuring voices of: Emma Thompson, Kelly Macdonald, Billy Connolly

Cinema in the Park is a City of Ryde event sponsored by Northern District Times and Macquarie University.

Wet weather: Any wet weather updates and/or cancellation notices will be posted to the City of Ryde website www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema.

Getting there:

By car - street parking is available

By public transport - For train and bus times, contact the Transport Infoline on 131 500 or visit www.131500.com.au.

Web link: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema

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