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MOVIES IN THE PARK BRINGS “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” TO WINGFIELD PARK

*Cordillera Int’l Film Festival Honors the legacy event’s 27th year
with a snow-filled month of feel-good films*

Reno, Nev. (March, 15,2022) The [Cordillera International Film Festival](#) team is excited to announce that fans of Movies in the Park, an Artown Legacy event, will be able to enjoy a special themed evening of free films under the stars every Friday in July. The northern Nevada-based film festival, in partnership with [Bill Pearce Motors](#), is thrilled to bring well-known classics back to Wingfield Park, honoring the 27-year tradition begun by Artown co-founder Tim Jones.

Inspired by the “Christmas in July” theme, Cordillera is planning a few surprises for their Wingfield Park audiences. The unexpected gems will include fun snow-filled photo opportunities, a series of special guests, panels, Q&As, and themed activities and giveaways inspired by the films.

When it comes to the programming, this year’s schedule is a delightful blend of pop-culture icons, quirky cult classics and inspiring, heartfelt comedy-dramas that all share a common theme - Christmas.

- **Friday, July 8th:** [The Nightmare Before Christmas](#) - Bored with the same old scare-and-scream routine, Pumpkin King Jack Skellington longs to spread the joy of Christmas. But his merry mission puts Santa in jeopardy and creates a nightmare for good little boys and girls everywhere.
- **Friday, July 15th:** [ELF](#) - This lovely Christmas tale follows Buddy (Will Ferrell), a grown man who was raised by Santa (Ed Asner) and his elves in the North Pole after sneaking into Santa’s toy sack as a baby, who wants to track down and form a relationship with his biological father.
- **Friday, July 22nd:** [A Christmas Story](#) - This beloved holiday movie follows the wintry exploits of youngster Ralphie Parker who spends most of his time dodging a bully and dreaming of his ideal Christmas gift as he struggles to make it to Christmas Day with his glasses and his hopes intact.
- **Friday, July 30th:** Summer Shorts - Audience members will be treated to a series of award-winning short films that are part of the [Cordillera International Film Festival](#), taking place July 28th - August 1st. Many of the cast and crew members will be in attendance and taking part in a Q&A following the films.

In addition to programming classic fan favorites, Cordillera will be screening short films from the Annual 5-Day Film Festival before each feature length movie. All films will begin at 9:00 p.m.

“The prospect of blending time-honored favorites with up-and-coming award-winning films – while also providing a fun night that may or may not involve a snow making machine – is exciting” said Executive Director of the Cordillera International Film Festival Emily Skyle-Golden. “And the cherry on top is knowing that for the last five years we’ve surprised the audience with Nevada premieres of short films like *One Small Step*, *The Present*, *If Anything Happens I Love You* and *Ala Kachuu* – all of which went on to be nominated and/or win an Oscar!”

About Cordillera International Film Festival (CIFF-NV)

The mission of CIFF, Nevada’s largest premiere film festival, is to celebrate the art of filmmaking and screenwriting, while providing a platform for underrepresented communities to educate and promote inclusion via storytelling through film. CIFF, a [FilmFreeway](#) Top 100 Reviewed Film Festival (out of 10,000+ worldwide) attracted a record number of film submissions in 2021 from filmmakers representing 90+ countries. For more information about the Cordillera International Film Festival please visit www.ciffnv.org.

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