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

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 premiers 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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