



# WHAT OUTDOORS

Good company and great films. Yes, it's the outdoor cinema season again. Shannon Harvey look at what's on offer under the stars this summer.

## Kookaburra Outdoor

Allen Road, Mundaring Weir



**Mao's Last Dancer**

Dancer and moves to Young Victoria. Coco Avant Chanel, Balibo and Up. The season runs Fridays to Sundays until Easter. Gates open at 6.30pm, films start 8pm. Tickets priced from \$8 to \$12 at the gate. Program guide on 9295 6190 or kookainfo@dodo.com.au.

## Camelot Outdoor

Lochee Street, Mosman Park

Summer breezes waft over the deckchairs facing Leighton Beach at the posher end of the outdoor cinema town, where patrons can enjoy live jazz and blues and snack on oysters and woodfired pizzas before screenings within Camelot's high limestone walls. This picturesque picture garden leans towards critical hits such as An Education, The Boys Are Back and the new Peter Jackson film The Lovely Bones, so don't go expecting the latest Saw movie. Just be early for the treats and to get a seat. Again, it's licensed, so no BYO. The season runs nightly from tomorrow to Easter. Gates open at 6.30pm, films start 8pm. Tickets priced from \$11 to \$15.50. Program information on 9386 3554 or lunapalace.com.au.

## Movies By Burswood

Burswood Parklands, Resort Drive, Burswood

This serene cinema nestled on the Burswood parklands near the Burswood Casino is staffed by friendly volunteers and donates all its profits to children's charities. And it's a seriously good outdoor cinema.

The program is filled with popular recent releases, such as District 9, 2012 and Twilight: New Moon and imminent releases such as the new Jane Campion film, Bright Star.

Burswood offers great value for money, with cheap Mondays and Tuesdays, midnight screenings on Fridays and double features on Saturdays. A highlight this season is a special 35th anniversary midnight screening of The Rocky Horror Picture Show on Friday, February 19, that includes a pizza for \$30 a double. All proceeds go to Perth's homeless youth.

There are sausage sizzles every night, or you can buy a pizza, gourmet platter, beer or wine. Just remember to bring chairs or rugs because there are no deckchairs. Family tickets cost just \$29 but you can be spoilt with the La Grassiere double pass (\$79) that includes two bean bag lounges in the premium seating area, a choice of beer or wine, cheese pack and ice-creams.

The season runs nightly from next Tuesday until April 17. Gates open at 6.30pm, films start at 8pm. Tickets from \$6 to \$12. Program information at moviesbyburswood.com.au.

## Bohemia Outdoor

Princess May Park, Adelaide Street, Fremantle

Fremantle's Film and Television Institute runs this funky, mellow cinema for three weeks in February in the historic Princess May Park. It's dedicated to all things Australian, mixing locally made films, short film nights, the best of TropFest, the WA Screen Awards and audience-judged awards nights.

It's great for families, with live music, bouncy castles and food, beer and wine stalls creating a bohemian vibe. The season runs Thursdays to Saturdays from February 4 to 21.

Gates open at 6pm, films start at 7.30pm. Tickets priced from \$5 to \$15 at the gate. Program information at fti.asn.au/watch/screening/bohemia.

## PIAF Films

Somerville Auditorium, UWA, Joondalup Pines, ECU Joondalup

Perth's most prestigious and highly attended annual film festival brings award-winning international films straight from the Cannes, Sundance, Toronto, Berlin and Venice film festivals to you.

There are nine Australian premieres, including the Oscar-winning Japanese masterpiece Departures, Cannes winners Anreeka and The White Ribbon, and festival audience favourite The Topp Twins from New Zealand. Western suburbs regulars who come to socialise and graze should brace themselves for the Clockwork Orange-style hit Bronson about Britain's most notorious prisoner.

Patrons can choose between the pine-fresh amphitheatre at UWA's lovely Somerville Auditorium, or a barbecue in the picturesque picture garden of ECU Joondalup (deckchairs are provided at both venues).

Families shouldn't miss the free "floating film" screening of Asterix and the Vikings, where they can picnic on the shores at Hillarys, South Perth and Bayswater before the film is projected on to a floating screen.

The season runs nightly until April 19. Gates open at 6pm, films start at sundown. Tickets priced from \$11 to \$15 at the gate, bookings and information on 6488 5555 or at perthfestival.com.au.