

DOWNTOWN VAN'S FREE SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS RETURNS FOR FIVE OUTDOOR SCREENINGS



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – JUNE 26, 2026, 7 AM PST - (VANCOUVER, BC) – One of downtown Vancouver’s most anticipated summer traditions is back! Summer Movie Nights presented by [Downtown Van](#) with the generous support of [Amazon](#) returns to ʁxʷł̓ənəq Xwtl’e7én̓k Square (formerly the Vancouver Art Gallery North Plaza) for five weeks of free outdoor films, live entertainment and family friendly fun from July 16 – August 13, 2026.

Each Thursday, the festivities will begin at 5:00 PM with themed activities and performances inspired by the evening's feature film before the movie takes over a giant 33-foot inflatable screen at sundown.

"We're excited to welcome Summer Movie Nights back to downtown Vancouver for another season," said Jane Talbot, President and CEO of Downtown Van. "It has become a beloved summer tradition that brings people together in the heart of downtown to enjoy great movies, connect with one another, and create lasting memories. We're looking forward to welcoming the community back for another season and can't wait to share some of the surprises we have in store."



2026 SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS LINEUP

(Every Thursday)

July 16th – *She's The Man*

July 23rd – *The Hunger Games*

July 30th – *Wicked: For Good*

August 6th – *13 Going On 30*

August 13th – *Ready Player One*

Our opening night kicks off with the excitement of the world's biggest sporting event taking place in Vancouver this summer, featuring *She's the Man*—a soccer-inspired comedy filmed right here in our city. Attendees can look forward to a football-themed celebration featuring professional soccer jugglers, stilt walkers, interactive performances, and high energy entertainment inspired by the beautiful game.

For the July 23 screening of *The Hunger Games*, attendees will be transported to Panem through immersive pre-show entertainment, including a Hunger Games-inspired drag performance by [Sleepy Queer Productions](#) that captures the spectacle and drama of the Capitol.

In partnership with [Pop Queen Cardio](#), audiences can enjoy an exciting lineup of performers and entertainers in honour of Pride for the July 30th screening of *Wicked: For Good*.

Don't forget to bring your party hats and throwback fits for the August 6th screening of *13 Going On 30*. It'll be a nostalgic birthday-themed celebration that will take attendees right back to the late 1990s and early 2000s alongside special performances.

The movie series concludes with *Ready Player One*, where, in partnership with [Vancouver Mysteries](#), attendees can take part in a live experience—searching for hidden keys and solving clues inspired by the film's storyline.

All five Summer Movie Nights will also include:

- Summer Movie Nights mascot, Poppy
- MC by [Alannah Brittany](#), a Vancouver-based comedian, actor, and producer
- Pre-movie trivia by [Drew's Clues](#)
- Music by [DJ Chip\\$](#)
- [Makemobile](#), a hands-on felting station
- Custom balloon art by [Twistin' Sam](#) and facepainting for all ages by [Crimson Makeup](#)
- [Moonlit Memories'](#) free photobooth, plus a new roving photographer experience



If you attend four or more Movie Nights, you can be entered to win a one-night stay at the [Hyatt Regency Vancouver](#), including breakfast for two. Just pick up your stamp card at the information tent on site.

For more tips, news, and regular updates on shows and schedules, visit:

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