

2017 First Friday's Events

MAY 5 - Science Fiction & Fantasy “*Revenge of the Fifth*” No other genre of film has inspired more loyal and enthusiastic fans than Science Fiction & Fantasy. From the first glimpse of the Star Destroyer in Star Wars, to Bilbo Baggins’ Hobbit Hole in The Fellowship of the Ring, these scenes have the power to transport the viewer and suspend disbelief. Often the messages of these films possess larger spiritual and political contexts and the characters remain beloved friends that can be revisited with each viewing of a favorite film.

JUNE 2 - Action & Adventure “*Iconic Heroes*” Heroes take many forms in our favorite Action & Adventure films. These stories often revolve around a journey, often with villains and peril around every corner. From the unlikely hero of a teenaged Marty McFly saving the future, to a resourceful Katniss Everdeen saving humanity, to the wisecracking Iron Man and his band of Avengers saving the world, we watch on the edge of our seats, joining them on their adventures.

JULY 7 - Classic Films “*Silver Screen Classics*” America was in a golden age of film during the 1930’s and 40’s, with classic films that still resonate today. Characters like the bold Scarlet O’Hara, the world-weary Rick Blaine, and the innocent Dorothy Gale, all have remained ageless in the minds and imaginations of film goers. Classic films have a staying power that ensures generations of future viewers will fall in love with the stories and stars of yesteryear.

AUGUST 4 - Musicals & Animation “*Sound & Color*” With the advances of technology, animation has been transformed from black and white images to the computer animated films of Pixar and DreamWorks studios. From Broadway productions that have made the jump to the screen, to the animated Disney classics that entertain all ages, these films capture the hearts and imaginations with blasts of color and infectious songs.

SEPTEMBER 1 - The Western “*The Old West Comes East*” John Wayne. Clint Eastwood. These names bring to mind the tough characters and expansive terrain of the Western genre of films. With endlessly quotable lines, iconic scenes of gun fights and chases across prairies, Westerns are the embodiment of machismo, lawlessness, and adventure.

OCTOBER 6 - Horror “*Nightmare on Main Street*” “Something wicked, this way comes...” Horror films don’t just capture our imaginations, they take our worst nightmares and fears and bring them to life. We view these films breathlessly, but no matter how gruesome the spectacle, we cannot seem to look away. From early horror films like Nosferatu, to Psycho, all the way to modern films like the Saw franchise. This genre is like no other.