
The allure of cinema under the stars

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AS the dry season takes hold, the allure and romance of cinema under the stars is back on the trinidad+ - tobago film festival's calendar, with screenings in Chaguanas, San Fernando and Chaguaramas, as part of its Community Cinergy Series, sponsored by bpTT. More open-air screenings are planned in the coming months across both islands.

Through its community development programme, the tfff has presented over a 100 free film screenings to various communities nationwide, using film as a vehicle for social transformation and education and impetus for discussion.

According to the festival's director of community development, Melvina Hazard, while the festival's free outdoor screenings are popular, well attended and lots of fun for family and friends, they provide an opportunity for so much more.

"Open air cinema also plays an important role in social inclusion and community cohesion, reaching far flung and under-served communities that might not otherwise attend festival screenings in Portof- Spain. Community cinema can also be used to provide learning opportunities, improve skills, knowledge and sometimes even self esteem," Hazard said in a media release.

"This April however, we are asking people to join us outdoors for the pure joy of a great night out under-thestars with family and friends." Admission to all screenings is free.

Film details and screening times are as follows: April 1, 7 pm Trinidad and Tobago Sailing Association, Chaguaramas All Oceans Blue Documentary/GA/ English Told through family footage and La Borde's own voice, this is the thrilling story of how in 1969, legendary local sailor and adventurer, Harold La Borde, his wife Kwaitan and fiveyear- old son Pierre set off on an epic adventure, circumnavigating the world, including the Galapagos Islands, the Cook Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Fiji, The Solomon Islands, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Bali,the Indian Ocean and South Africa.

April 8, 7 pm Lange Park Recreation Grounds, Lange Park, Chaguanas The World of Goopi and Bagha Animation/GA / Hindi with English subtitles Goopi and Bagha is a modern-day adaptation of master Indian director Satyajit Ray's beloved 1969 comic fable. It follows the hilarious adventures of Goopi and Bagha as they embark on a journey towards musical harmony to win a princess' hand in marriage. Ray also composed the music and songs for this original musical. The lush and gorgeously textured illustrations were produced by Shilpa Renade.

April 15, 7 pm San Fernando Hill Miles Ahead Dir: Don Cheadle/18+/English In his directorial debut, Don Cheadle plays a flawlessly flawed Miles Davis.

The fictionalised story set in the 70s at the lowest point in Davis's life and career, is presented in an explosive, eclectic mix of styles that resonate with the music of the legendary jazz musician.