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Philadelphia Visitor Center Corporation joins Independence Historical Trust and the National Park Service to Host “Movies on The Mall” at Independence National Historical Park

Fall outdoor movie night series will take place on Independence Mall, allowing movie fans and history buffs to enjoy a fun, family-friendly night in Philadelphia’s Historic District

August 13, 2024 (PHILADELPHIA)—The Philadelphia Visitor Center Corporation (“the Visitor Center”) and Independence Historical Trust (“the Trust”) today announced “Movies on The Mall,” an outdoor movie series celebrating the themes and history connected to Independence National Historical Park.

The monthly series will begin on Friday August 30, 2024, screening “National Treasure” at 7:30 p.m. The beloved Disney classic features scenes set and filmed in Old City and throughout Philadelphia, including at Independence Hall, The Liberty Bell, Reading Terminal Market, City Hall, Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church, and the Franklin Institute. September’s “Movies on the Mall” night will feature a screening of “The Patriot.” The 2000 film tells a gripping story of an American soldier’s journey in the American Revolution. A family-friendly edit of The Patriot is suitable for most audiences.

In addition to the film screenings, the Visitor Center and the Trust will partner with Historic Philadelphia, Inc. to host family-friendly activities starting at 5:00 p.m. Attendees will be able to enjoy historical 18th Century games, participate in a National Treasure-style scavenger hunt, take part in family friendly arts and crafts, and enjoy refreshments from the Liberty Garden beer garden on Independence Mall.

“As one of America’s most iconic public spaces, Independence Mall is a perfect setting for neighbors to come together to enjoy family-friendly movies like National Treasure and The Patriot under the stars,” **said Kathryn Ott Lovell, President and CEO of the Philadelphia Visitor Center Corporation.** “The Visitor Center is honored to partner with Independence National Historical Park and The Independence Historical Trust to activate the Mall in new ways that enrich visitors’ knowledge of history and connection with each other.”

“The Independence Historical Trust is excited for Philadelphians to experience their National Park in a whole new way in our first-ever Movies on the Mall series,” **said Thomas A. Caramanico, Executive Director of Independence Historical Trust** “There is no place quite like Independence National Historical Park to immerse yourself in the cinematic retelling of revolutionary America’s history and lore!”

Screens will be set up outside Independence Visitor Center facing 5th Street between Market Street and Arch Street. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, food and drinks to enjoy during the screenings. Alcohol is prohibited outside of Liberty Garden.

This program is FREE and open to the public. We kindly ask that you register ahead of time. Walk-ups are welcome to join. Register here: <https://support.inht.org/event/movies-on-the-mall/e607696>

Movies On The Mall Full Schedule

August: National Treasure (2004)

- Friday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m.

September: The Patriot (2000, family-friendly edit, appropriate for most audiences)

- Friday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.

October: Movie TBA

- Friday, October 18 at- 7:30 p.m.

The “Movies on the Mall” series will cap off an exciting summer of activations at Independence National Historical Park, including Wawa Hoagie Day, The Gospel on Independence Concert, Red, White, & Blue To-Do, and LeAnn Rimes & US Army Field Band Concert. The Visitor Center also partnered with FMC Hospitality to open Liberty Garden, a seasonal, family-friendly outdoor gathering space, as part of its July 4th festivities.

About the Philadelphia Visitor Center Corporation:

The Philadelphia Visitor Center Corporation (PVCC) connects visitors to memorable, authentic, and fun Philly experiences at our four visitor center locations: 6th and Market, City Hall, Love Park, and the Parkway. It facilitates the operation of the Independence Visitor Center, the primary point of orientation for Independence National Historical Park and the official visitor center of the Philadelphia region, including Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties. PVCC also operates the Philly PHLASH seasonal public transit service, and The Liberty View, a private event space at The Independence Visitor Center overlooking the Liberty Bell and Independence Mall. For more information, please visit www.phlvisitorcenter.com.

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