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Milwaukee Film's August Programming Features Family-Friendly Films, Even More Musicals, and the Return of CatVideoFest

Summer programming continues with first-run releases, new 4K restorations, and more!

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MILWAUKEE – Thursday, July 24th – Milwaukee Film's August programming features a wide variety of offerings for the dog days of summer, including [cult-classic musicals](#), selections of [heartwarming child-friendly films](#), 50th anniversary screenings of the groundbreaking film [Jaws](#), a themed screening of the 1985 adventure [Goonies](#), and the 4K restoration of Hideaki Anno's [Shin Godzilla](#)—not to mention the annual return of [CatVideoFest](#)! There is truly something for everyone looking to escape the heat with movies this month at the Oriental Theatre.

Bring your whole family to the cinema to round out the summer with Milwaukee Film's series [It's Not Easy Being Green](#). This program of kid-friendly screenings will inspire and enchant audiences, as well as feature some iconic green characters!

"[It's Not Easy Being Green](#) is a series of family-friendly film selections all about finding your voice, transforming your difference into magic, and accepting others," said Cara Ogburn, Milwaukee Film's Artistic Director. "Not a kid any more? Indulge your inner child with these nostalgic classics suitable for the young and the young at heart!" she enthused.

See the full line-up of [It's Not Easy Being Green](#) films here:

- [THE WIZARD OF OZ](#) - 8/9 and 8/10 at 3 PM
- [THE MUPPET MOVIE](#) - 8/16 and 8/17 at 3 PM
- [SHREK](#) - 8/23 and 8/24 at 3 PM
- [WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE](#) - 8/30 and 8/31 at 4 PM

Adults who remain youthful at heart (but go to bed at a reasonable hour these days) will also want to mark their calendars for a special "earlybird" screening of [The Rocky Horror Picture Show](#) (1975) on Friday, August 22nd at 8 PM featuring our live shadowcast friends from

[Sensual Daydreams](#) just like every month at the Oriental Theatre, just a bit earlier. (The regular midnight screening of the film will occur on August 9th as well.)

Milwaukee loves music and movies; last month Milwaukee Film brought you [Jazz Hands July](#), and this month the singing and dancing continues with [August Musical Mayhem](#)! This series focuses on musicals that have garnered a cult following, like [Little Shop of Horrors](#), the entirely animated musical [Inu-Oh](#), and David Byrne's [True Stories](#).

"Expand your horizons with these quirky, edgy, and often hilarious cult musicals that demand to be seen with a raucous audience!" expressed Kerstin Larson, Milwaukee Film's Programming Director.

See the full line-up of [August Musical Mayhem](#) films here:

- [ROCK 'N' ROLL HIGH SCHOOL](#) - 8/14 at 7 PM
- [THE BLUES BROTHERS](#) - 8/19 at 7 PM
- [LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS](#) - 8/21 at 7 PM
- [TRUE STORIES](#) - 8/26 at 7 PM
- [INU-OH](#) - 8/28 at 7 PM

Everyone's favorite celebration of cats on camera returns to the Oriental Theatre on August 8th! [CatVideoFest](#) is a compilation reel of the latest and best cat videos culled from countless hours of unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos, and classic internet powerhouses. CatVideoFest is a joyous communal experience, only available in theaters, and 10% of ticket sales will be donated to [Second Hand Purrs](#).

[Awkward Nerd Events](#) brings another exciting themed event to the Oriental Theatre, this time surrounding a screening of the 1985 adventure [The Goonies](#). The film starts at 6 PM on August 9th, but be sure to arrive early for *Goonies*-themed fun in the lobby before the screening!

August also features two new 4K restorations: Hideaki Anno's 2016 thriller [Shin Godzilla](#) begins screening at the Oriental Theatre on August 22nd, and the 50th anniversary screenings of Steven Spielberg's iconic [Jaws](#) (1975) will begin on August 29th. And also for the restoration fans, starting in August Milwaukee Film will kick off a retrospective of the 2K and 4K restored works of Akira Kurosawa, in partnership with Janus Films. Watch for tickets and showtimes for the first two films in the series, [Seven Samurai](#) (week of August 8) and [High and Low](#) (weeks of August 8 and 15, coinciding with Spike Lee's latest [Highest 2 Lowest](#)) and continuing into fall.

All Tickets and showtimes can be found online at mkefilm.org/comingsoon.

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About Milwaukee Film

Milwaukee Film is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to entertaining, educating, and engaging our community through cinematic experiences, with a vision to make Milwaukee a center for film culture. Milwaukee Film is committed to high-quality and accessible film programming through their operation of the magnificent Oriental Theatre, a historic cinema palace, and the iconic Downer Theatre, Milwaukee's oldest running cinema. The second [Dialogues Documentary Festival](#) presented by Potawatomi Casino Hotel will take place September 18-21, 2025. The 18th annual [Milwaukee Film Festival](#) will take place April 16-30, 2026. For more information or to become a Member, visit mkefilm.org.

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