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20th anniversary of FIN Outdoor presents "Summer of Sing-Alongs" at the Halifax Public Gardens, West Pubnico and Yarmouth this summer

(Halifax, NS) - Produced by **FIN Atlantic International Film Festival (FIN AIFF)**, the 20th annual **FIN Outdoor** summer movie series is thrilled to present the "**Summer of Sing-Alongs**" this June and July. Enjoy four melodic musicals at the historic Halifax Public Gardens and screenings in both Yarmouth and West Pubnico for the most interactive FIN Outdoor yet. Costumes as your favourite musical movie characters are encouraged!

"To say we are excited about this year's program would be a real understatement. Not only are these movies incredibly well loved, the opportunity to include the "sing-along" aspect makes FIN Outdoor more of an engaging community event than ever before," says Wayne Carter, Executive Director at FIN. "We are so happy to have our friends at Pride Halifax part of this year's program with two of our screenings happening during what is one of Halifax's most celebratory cultural events of the year. These screenings are going to be F-U-N."

Upcoming screenings at the Halifax Public Gardens include:

Friday, July 5: *Grease*, 1978, 110min (Rated PG)

Friday, July 12: *Mamma Mia!*, 2008, 109min (Rated G)

Friday, July 19: *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, 1975, 100min (Rated 14A)

Friday, July 26: **Bohemian Rhapsody**, 2018, 134min (Rated PG)

In addition to these Halifax screenings, FIN Outdoor is taking "Summer of Sing-Alongs" on the road to visit Yarmouth and West Pubnico, Nova Scotia.

Upcoming screenings include:

Friday, June 21: *Mamma Mia!*, 2008, 109min (Rated G) at Le Village historique acadien de la N-É, West Pubnico

Saturday, June 22: **Bohemian Rhapsody**, 2018, 134min (Rated PG) at Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library, Yarmouth

Those attending FIN Outdoor are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs for comfort. Concessions will be available on site. Feed Nova Scotia will be on site at the Halifax Public Gardens screenings accepting food and money donations.

All films start at dusk and gates will open one-hour prior to each screening. Please check for weather updates and cancellations by tuning into **C100 Today's Best Music**, 100.1 FM and by visiting: finoutdoor.ca There are no rain dates.

FIN Outdoor is pleased to offer FREE screenings, thanks to the support of the following partners and suppliers: Bell Media, CTV, StarMetro Halifax, Halifax Public Gardens, C100, Current

Studios, Cineplex Events, Discount Car and Truck Rentals, Dimensions Entertainment, Feed NS, CBC, The Workshop Creative Studios, Phillips Public Relations Ltd., Chris Geworsky Photography, Yarmouth and Acadian Shores Tourism Association, and the Halifax Regional Municipality.

About FIN Outdoor

Who can resist a night under the stars with a classic movie and the smell of popcorn wafting through the air? Whether young or old, local or visiting, FIN Outdoor fits the bill for good times.

It's outdoors. It's movies. It's an unforgettable experience!

Each summer for the past 19 years, from June to August, FIN Atlantic International Film Festival has delivered an entertaining outdoor film experience throughout Halifax – a larger-than-life inflatable screen showing classic movies under the open sky. With as many as 2000+ moviegoers coming together for each screening – all toting their lawn chairs, blankets, picnics and favourite company – this open-air cinema has a unique festival atmosphere that must be experienced first-hand.

While the program theme changes from one year to the next, the objective remains: to bring the community together; to enjoy the film viewing experience in unique outdoor settings; and to set the stage for the upcoming Atlantic International Film Festival.

For more information on FIN Outdoor, visit:

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About FIN Atlantic International Film Festival

FIN Atlantic International Film Festival (FIN AIFF) is an eight-day celebration of film, media and music from around the world. It's a festival that turns Halifax – a charming and historic coastal city – into an international mecca for the arts, abuzz with filmmakers, industry types and film lovers. This year's event celebrates 39 years of the Festival and takes place from September 12-19.

Offering a first look at the best international films of the festival season, FIN AIFF is a champion of local filmmakers, committed to bridging the gap. We attract some of the biggest players in film, media and music from around the world. All of our film selections are chosen with our community in mind and our special events are designed to bring us all together. A not-for-profit organization, FIN AIFF depends heavily upon its strong ties to the surrounding and thriving arts community.

The Atlantic International Film Festival began as a tiny, grassroots operation in St. John's, Newfoundland in 1981, relocating to Halifax the following year. Just three decades later, the Atlantic International Film Festival has blossomed into one of Canada's premier film festivals.

Whether for industry folk, unabashed film lovers or curious onlookers, the Festival offers a slew of opportunities to engage through film. Today's FIN Atlantic International Film Festival is now a year-round celebration, growing beyond our eight-day cornerstone event in September to include: FIN Kids Film Competition and Festival Tour, FIN Outdoor, and FIN Partners.

Receive the most up-to-date information about FIN Atlantic International Film Festival here:

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