

# TIFF Downtown Movies in the Park

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## WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Enjoying movies outdoors with community fosters shared experience, relaxation, and sensory engagement. The pre-show performances, open captions, and accessible setting make it inclusive and welcoming.

## TIME

- Total outing: 2.5–3 hours
  - Pre-show & setup: Arrive ~8:15 PM
  - Pre-show activities: 8:45–9:30 PM
  - Movie screening: 9:30–11:15 PM
- Dates: Every Wednesday from July 9 to August 13, 2025

## MATERIALS

- Blanket or low lawn chair
- Water bottle and light snack (concessions available)
- Sensory tools: noise-cancelling headphones, sunglasses
- Warm layers and bug spray



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- Flashlight or phone light
- Supportive items: cushion, fidget toy

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Plan which movie night to attend
2. Arrive by ~8:15 PM to claim a spot
3. Pre-show (8:45–9:30 PM): Watch performances, join games
4. Movie (9:30–11:15 PM): Relax and enjoy the film
5. Wrap up: Exit safely, talk about favourite scenes

## RESOURCES

- <https://www.tiff.net/calendar-previous?series=/downtown-movies&list>

## SUPPORTS NEEDED

- · Visual schedule: timeline from arrival to departure
- · Verbal prompts: countdown to film start, reminders to use headphones
- · Sensory aids: headphones, sunglasses, seat near edge
- · One-on-one help: navigating crowded areas, restroom breaks

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- · Mobility supports: low chairs, blankets, easy route to seating
- · Social cues: clap at appropriate times, quiet voices during film
- · Break plan: exit strategy if overwhelming, walk or sit nearby
- · Praise and encouragement: celebrate participation and toughness attending

## OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

### **Where: David Pecaut Square**

- Location: 215 King St W, beside Roy Thomson Hall
- Accessible: Wheelchair access, open captions on screen