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Ohio Goes to the Movies Enlists Beverly D'Angelo to Star in Movie Trailer to Promote 2026 Signature Event of America 250-Ohio

Columbus, Ohio (November 18, 2024) – Columbus, Ohio's own, actress Beverly D'Angelo of "National Lampoon's Vacation" movie fame, is starring in a [new movie trailer](#) for [Ohio Goes to the Movies](#) (OGTTM), a signature event of the America 250-Ohio celebration. The unprecedented statewide celebration of Ohio film will run statewide for about 250 days in 2026, with movie events featuring Ohio and Ohioans from past and present.

The two-minute "Coming 2026" movie trailer with D'Angelo will be released later this month and will be on Ohio screens in advance of feature films to begin building awareness of Ohio Goes to the Movies. The trailer encourages statewide participation in hosting an OGTTM event at venues that include historic theaters, commercial cinemas, drive-in theaters, art houses, and community auditoriums.

The making of the trailer

Working on a tight timeline, OGTTM Program Director Molly Kreuzman reached out to D'Angelo. "She's a proud Buckeye and was immediately on board," said Kreuzman. "She's not only great at what she does but also understands the wholistic importance of this project and how it can help bring people back to theaters."

With a script developed by the OGTTM team, the trailer was filmed in October at D'Angelo's Los Angeles home. "I was fortunate to enlist the talent of Director Colin West, an Ohio native, who pulled together a remarkable team to make this vision a reality," said Kreuzman.

In addition to D'Angelo, the movie trailer has a special appearance by Governor and Mrs. DeWine. "We knew early on that we wanted to involve Governor and Mrs. DeWine in the trailer, as they are huge movie buffs," said Kreuzman. "We worked with Ohio cinematographer Danny McCallum to film the DeWines and their grandkids at the historic Murphy Theatre in Wilmington."

Look for the Ohio Goes to the Movies trailer in Ohio's theaters and cinemas. If you are a theater operator and would like to receive the trailer or are interested in hosting an event in 2026, contact Molly Kreuzman at mkreuzman@ohiohistory.org.

Ohio Movie Database is OGTTM Resource

The [Ohio Movie Database](#) (OMD) is a new resource published by Ohio Goes to the Movies which lists more than 500 of Ohio's connections to the film industry. The OMD was created to inspire participation in the Ohio Goes to the Movies 2026 celebration. In doing so, it also creates awareness and pride in Ohio's contributions to the film industry. The people listed in the OMD were born in or lived in Ohio and have worked in front of the camera, or behind the scenes. The OMD also includes films made in Ohio and about the Buckeye State.

About America 250-Ohio

In 2026, the United States will celebrate its Semiquincentennial, which is the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Each state has been encouraged to create a celebration and commemoration of this anniversary to reflect the unique character and contributions of their state. Ohio is fully embracing this opportunity "...to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United States and the impact of Ohioans on the nation's past, present, and future." Learn more at America250-Ohio.org.

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