



OhioGoesToTheMovies.org

## **Ohio Goes to the Movies Reveals Statewide Calendar of Events Over 250 Free Film Screening Events in All 88 Counties Starting February 11, 2026**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (December 11, 2025) – Ohio Goes to the Movies, an America 250-Ohio Signature Event, has released its calendar of 2026 film screenings. The calendar of events is now available at [OhioGoesToTheMovies.org](https://OhioGoesToTheMovies.org) and will continue to be updated throughout the celebration.

Ohio Goes to the Movies is a statewide cinematic celebration that kicks off on February 11, 2026, delivering more than 250 free movie events hosted by local venues in all 88 counties through October as part of Ohio’s official commemoration of America’s 250th anniversary. This first ever initiative showcases Ohio’s long-standing influence on American film, its nationally recognized actors and directors and the iconic movies filmed across the state.

Ohio has produced some of the most distinguished talent in Hollywood history, including Halle Berry of Cleveland, Paul Newman of Shaker Heights, Doris Day of Cincinnati, John Lithgow of Akron, Clark Gable of Cadiz, the Russo Brothers of Cleveland and Sarah Jessica Parker of Nelsonville. Their contributions have shaped American cinema for decades and underscore the creative strength rooted in Ohio communities.

The 2026 series also recognizes many of the most popular films made in Ohio. Screenings across the state will feature films such as “The Shawshank Redemption” filmed in Mansfield and Upper Sandusky, “A Christmas Story” filmed in Cleveland’s Tremont neighborhood, “The Avengers” shot in downtown Cleveland and “Rain Man”-filmed throughout Cincinnati. These films and others serve as anchor titles for the statewide series, drawing audiences who want to experience Ohio’s storytelling legacy on the big screen.

“Ohio has played a significant role in the history of American film and continues to attract talent, productions and storytelling that resonate around the world,” said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. “Ohio Goes to the Movies ensures that residents in every community can participate in the America 250 celebration and rediscover the films that connect us.”

Molly Kreuzman, program director for Ohio Goes to the Movies, said the initiative reflects the state’s creative depth and community pride. “This celebration honors Ohio’s filmmakers, in front of and behind the camera, and the towns and cities that brought some of America’s most beloved stories to life. By offering more than 250 free events across all 88 counties, we are making the America 250 celebration accessible and meaningful for every Ohioan.”

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### **About Ohio Goes to the Movies**

Ohio Goes to the Movies is a statewide initiative celebrating America's 250th anniversary with over 250 free film screening events across all 88 counties. The program highlights Ohio's influence on American filmmaking and strengthens community connections through accessible, high-quality movie experiences.

To learn more about Ohio Goes to the Movies, visit the website:

<https://ohiogoes to the movies.org>.



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Edison Birthplace Association at Milan Town Hall “Night at the Movies with Mr. Edison”  
Edison film shorts



Gateway Film Center "Shawshank Redemption"



Springfield State Theatre "La La Land"



Youngstown State University – Steel Museum "Deer Hunter"