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## **Palace Theatre Announces Free Summer Movie Series for Children and Families**

*Summer in the City serves thousands from surrounding neighborhoods each year*

ALBANY, N.Y. — The Palace Theatre's **Summer in the City Movie Series**, presented by SEFCU will again offer eight free, family-friendly movies to children and families from neighborhoods around the Palace in downtown Albany, with targeted outreach to low-income and underserved families in the City. The movie series provides children with the opportunity to enjoy the excitement and beauty of the historic Palace Theatre, while offering fun, safe and positive opportunities to become engaged in the arts. For this series, the theatre opens one hour prior to showtime for fun & educational activities.

Summer in the City is one of several free and low-cost arts and educational programs offered by the Palace that positively impacts local children and families each year.

“We would like to once again thank SEFCU for their continued support of the Palace Theatre and their dedication to partnering with us year after year to ensure that Summer in the City is here to provide a free entertainment for our local kids and families. Since this program started in 2015, over 35,000 people have attended a free summer movie at the Palace. That's 35,000 people out of the heat enjoying themselves with their friends and families in a theatre rich with local history. It's inspiring to see the local organizations who dedicate their time and money to help us present this series. Summer In The City would not be possible without the generous support of **SEFCU, Price Chopper/Market 32, National Grid, Whitney Young Health Center, Stewart's Shops** and all of the volunteers and community partners who join us here each week. Thanks to their unwavering dedication to the community, we are able to offer this and so many other

programs as part of our Community Engagement Initiative and truly make a difference in kids' lives.” – **Kevin Johnson, Executive Director – Palace Performing Arts Center**

“SEFCU is honored to once again serve as the presenting sponsor of the Palace Theatre’s Summer in the City family movie series. Bringing children and families together inside Albany’s historic downtown theatre to enjoy the magic of the movies has become an annual summer tradition that we’ve been proud to support since 2016,” **said SEFCU President and CEO Michael Castellana.** “This year, there is another fantastic lineup of family-friendly films guaranteed to delight, entertain, and inspire our youth. I hope everyone makes memories at the movies this summer.”

"As the Chairman of the Palace Theatre Board of Directors, I am proud that we are once again able to present the Summer in the City free movie series. Since 2015, the Palace has provided a respite from the summer heat for families across the Capital Region with some great films, and it is one of the important ways we fulfill our mission to provide affordable entertainment for underserved families in our community. Thank you once again to all of this year’s series sponsors for their generous support. Without them, Summer in the City would not be possible. So come on down to the Palace everyone, and enjoy some great family fun!" – **Stephen Baboulis, Chairman, Board of Directors – Palace Performing Arts Center**

“National Grid has a proud history of building relationships to provide opportunities to families in the neighborhoods where we all live, work and play,” **said National Grid Regional Executive Laurie Poltynski.** “The Palace Theatre’s Summer in the City Series is a natural fit as we strengthen our connections with communities across the Capital Region. More important, it’s a fun way for families to spend time together and beat the heat.”

For each show, doors open at Noon with activities provided by SEFCU, Whitney Young Health Center and local partnering organizations. Movies begin at 1 p.m. Free popcorn is provided to all children 12 and under. For the Summer in the City finale on Tuesday, August 30 - immediately following the screening of Encanto - the Palace will host a special Ice Cream Social, with activities, giveaways and Free Ice Cream courtesy of **Stewart's Shops**. The Ice Cream Social is open to the public.

### **2022 SUMMER IN THE CITY SCHEDULE**

*For all events, doors open at noon for activities; movies begin at 1:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, July 12      Raya and the Last Dragon

Tuesday, July 19      Sing 2

Tuesday, July 26      Ron’s Gone Wrong

Tuesday, Aug. 2      Clifford The Big Red Dog  
Tuesday, Aug. 9      Trolls World Tour  
Tuesday, Aug. 16     Space Jam: A New Legacy  
Tuesday, Aug. 23     Luca  
Tuesday, Aug. 30     Encanto

Free tickets are available in advance at the Palace Theatre Box Office at 19 Clinton Ave. during regular business hours or reserved online at <https://bit.ly/SITCPal>. Individual Groups, Day Care, and Summer Camps looking to reserve a block of tickets can call 518.465.3335, ext. 111 or email [info@palacealbany.org](mailto:info@palacealbany.org). For more information, call 518.465.4663 or visit [www.palacealbany.org](http://www.palacealbany.org)

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### **About the Palace Theatre**

The Palace has been Albany's iconic downtown landmark for the past eight decades, bringing the biggest names in entertainment to the Capital Region. The history and programming of the Palace is a unique and often untold story with roots dating back to the period of the Great Depression. The Palace Theatre, built in 1931, originally presented vaudeville acts, feature films and became a civic auditorium before closing its doors in 1969. The theatre maintains its original beauty and design and is a historical landmark in the City of Albany. The Palace Performing Arts Center was established in 1984 and incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1989, created to operate the Palace Theatre. The mission of the Palace is to bring world-class arts and entertainment to New York's Capital Region, greatly enhancing the area's cultural and economic development. Our mission is carried out through core programming and community initiatives that include performing arts entertainment, free arts education, family-friendly performances, free summer movies and a classic movie program series. The Palace has a significant economic footprint with over \$3.5 million in ticket sales and 180,000 patrons.