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Reel Okanagan brings Okanagan-made films to Rotary Centre for the Arts this August

(**Kelowna, BC**) - This August, the Rotary Centre for the Arts is proud to present the inaugural Reel Okanagan, a new series spotlighting bold, heartfelt storytelling from right here in the Okanagan Valley. Every Wednesday evening throughout August at 7:00 PM, audiences will gather in the Mary Irwin Theatre to experience powerful, locally made films that reflect the voices, histories, and landscapes of the region.

"If you missed these film screenings the first time, now is the time to catch them. Due to popular demand, we are bringing some films back for a summer showcase. This weekly series is about more than just screening great films," says RCA Executive Director Colleen Fitzpatrick. "It's about celebrating our creative community, uplifting local filmmakers, and bringing our stories to the big screen in a meaningful way."

From coming-of-age stories to fiery social commentary and in-depth explorations of regional history, this showcase offers something for everyone, with every film rooted in the Okanagan. Whether you're discovering these films for the first time or catching ones you missed, Reel Okanagan offers a chance to see award-winning, locally produced cinema every Wednesday in a proper theatre setting. Escape the summer heat and enjoy each screening for just \$14, or purchase a four-film pass and get one screening free. A perfect way to support local film and stay cool this August.

Plus, filmgoers can enjoy a local treat: Okanagan Kettle Korn will be onsite at each screening, serving up small-batch popcorn with big local flavour. Owned and operated by Red Seal Chef Ken Chahley, this Okanagan-based business brings a handcrafted, community-first approach to every batch, perfectly paired with a night of homegrown cinema.

Reel Okanagan Lineup:



August 6 - Eddy's Kingdom

 An entrepreneur's obsessive dream of developing an Okanagan Lake island into a Middle Eastern-themed amusement park leads to a spiraling path of legal turmoil.

August 13 – Wild Goat Surf

 In a run-down Okanagan RV park during the summer of 2003, surfing-obsessed 12-yearold skater girl Goat navigates the unbridled, unstructured summer days of youth, dreaming about becoming a surfer.

August 20 – The Casorsos: La Prima Famiglia

• Learn the story of Giovanni and Rosa Casorso and their 9 children, the first Italian family to call the Okanagan Valley home.

August 27 – **B.C. is Burning**

• B.C. is Burning is an urgent and impactful documentary exploring British Columbia's wildfire crisis and the transformative solutions we need.

Tickets are on sale now:

https://rotarycentreforthearts.com/events/special-events/reel-okanagan/

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High-Res Press Photos Available on Request:

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About the Rotary Centre for the Arts

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the Rotary Centre for the Arts is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA improves the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. The RCA brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.