

New Bedford's Zeiterion announces Drive-In with Live Music and Movies this Summer, starting this week

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is thrilled to offer the Zeiterion Drive-In featuring concerts and movies beginning Thursday, June 18. The drive-in, which will be located in the Seastreak Ferry "Whale's Tooth" Parking Lot, will feature a line-up of live musical acts and newer theatrical releases, as programming inside the theater is paused due to the pandemic. Tickets will be sold per vehicle, \$25 for movies and \$50 for concerts, available in advance of the event at <https://zeiterion.org/drivein/>.

"At the Zeiterion, we know how important it is to gather together, so we were determined to find a way to safely come together to sing, laugh and smile," said Rosemary Gill, Executive Director, Zeiterion. "We are so excited to bring a drive-in to New Bedford. I have to thank Mayor Mitchell and the City of New Bedford, Seastreak and the New Bedford Port Authority who were integral in making this happen."

To ensure safety, the Zeiterion has implemented policies for all attendees, including the use of a face covering while outside the vehicle. Vehicles will be directed to every other space, so attendees may sit or stand in the empty space while maintaining social distancing. Restrooms will be available, and they will be monitored for safety, but congregating anywhere on the premises is not permitted. The complete list of information and policies is available on <https://zeiterion.org/drivein/>.

The Zeiterion Drive-In currently includes three movies and

five concerts, with the potential for more events to be added at a later date. The line-up is:

Morrissey Boulevard

Thursday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 per car

Four New Bedford siblings have created one fun band! Morrissey Boulevard brings an infectious enthusiasm to a wide range of styles and periods from Johnny Cash, Janis Joplin and Jimmy Hendrix to Harry Styles and Lizzo and everything in between. They've played to rave reviews around the Southcoast and as far flung as New Orleans and Mexico! Join us at the Drive-In kick-off for a mix of pop, rock, and originals.

The Hipshot Band

Saturday, June 20, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 per car

Get ready for The Hipshot Band, one of THE premier bands in New England, delivering a diverse repertoire of classic R&B, Disco, Soul, Rock, Jazz, Country, Reggae, Swing, 80's favorites, Motown and Top 40 hits. The group of well-seasoned and talented musicians provide high-energy and nonstop entertainment for every crowd. The Hipshot Band is real music, played and performed by some of the best musicians around!

Yesterday

Monday, June 22, 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 per car

A must-see for Beatles fans! Jack Malik was just another struggling songwriter... but that was yesterday. After a mysterious blackout, Jack (Himesh Patel) discovers he is the only person on earth who remembers The Beatles! As he rockets to fame by passing off the Fab Four's songs as his own, Jack risks losing Ellie (Lily James) – the one person who has loved him and believed in him from the start. Before the door to his old life closes forever, Jack must decide if all he needs is

love, after all. Kate McKinnon and Ed Sheeran also star in this romantic rock 'n' roll comedy from Academy Award-winning director Danny Boyle and Academy Award-nominated screenwriter Richard Curtis.

Harriet

Tuesday, June 23, 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 per car

Presented in association with the New Bedford Historical Society.

Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, Harriet tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Haunted by memories of those she left behind, Harriet (Cynthia Erivo) ventures back into dangerous territory on a mission to lead others to freedom. With allies like abolitionist William Still (Leslie Odom, Jr.) and the entrepreneurial Marie Buchanon (Janelle Monáe), Harriet risks capture and death to guide hundreds to safety as one of the most prominent conductors of the Underground Railroad. Witness the story of a woman who defied impossible odds to change the course of her life and the fate of the nation.

Sonic the Hedgehog

Wednesday, June 24, 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 per car

The world needed a hero, we got a hedgehog. Powered with incredible speed, Sonic The Hedgehog (voiced by Ben Schwartz), aka The Blue Blur, embraces his new home on Earth. That is, until he accidentally knocks out the power grid and sparks the attention of super-uncool evil genius Dr. Robotnik (Jim Carrey). Now it's super-villain vs. super-sonic to save the planet in this live-action adventure comedy that's fun for the whole family.

Pearly Baker Acoustic

Thursday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 per car

The Pearly Baker Band has been playing Grateful Dead music (as well as Beatles, Stones, Dylan, originals, etc.) for a solid 35 years. Their acoustic set at The Z's Drive-In will be a sweet homecoming for the band who originated out of New Bedford. Pearly Baker includes Tim Richmond on bass, Mike Mahoney on guitar and vocals, Ken Richards on guitar and vocals, Eric Costa on keyboards, Geoff Fortin on drums, and Rob Coyne on Drums.

Ryan Montbleau

Friday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 per car

Ryan Montbleau's musical journey began as a solo artist in his native Massachusetts during the early 2000s, and since then he's gone on to collaborate as a performer and songwriter with Martin Sexton, Trombone Shorty, and Galactic among others, and share bills and stages with artists as diverse as Tedeschi Trucks Band, Ani DiFranco, The Wood Brothers, Rodrigo y Gabriela, and Mavis Staples. NPR's Mountain Stage compared his "eloquent, soulful songwriting" to Bill Withers and James Taylor, while Relix hailed his unique brand of "poetic Americana," and The Boston Herald raved that "he's made a career of confident, danceable positivity."

Adam Ezra Group

Wednesday, July 1, 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 per car

Talk to any Adam Ezra Group fan around the country and they'll tell you that each of their performances is a one-of-a-kind, community-driven experience, propelled by the spirit of the people in front of the stage. For both fans and band members alike, an AEG concert is a rally to live life with intensity

and soak in the moments we share with one another. Hailing from Boston, AEG's unconventional approach to the music world has allowed them to surge beyond their beloved hometown and emerge as one of the most uniquely powerful, underground live music experiences in the country. While Ezra has played with an array of musicians over the years, his current line-up featuring Corinna Smith on fiddle, Alex Martin on drums, and Poche Ponce on bass.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to provide New Bedford and the region with performing arts programming of excellence that inspires, educates, engages and entertains. Tickets are available for purchase at www.zeiterion.org or by calling 508-994-2900. Temporary Zeiterion Box Office hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.