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FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF SECOND YEAR WITH *SHREK 2*

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – The Bank One Family Film Festival at Fountain Square is launching its summer series of free Friday night films with a showing of *Shrek 2* on Friday, July 1, in the parking lot at the corner of Shelby and Morris Streets.

The series is sponsored by Bank One and presented by Indianapolis Power & Light (IPL), Southeast Umbrella Organization (SUMO) and Southeast Neighborhood Development (SEND), with support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and The Indianapolis Foundation.

Films will be shown rain or shine, every Friday night from July 1 through August 26. All films begin at 8 p.m., and admission is always free.

According to film festival chairman Mike Halstead, representatives from the Indianapolis Art Center will be on hand each week with children's activities before each film. This year's festival will also include a number of pre-movie events that will coincide with the films.

"For example, we'll be showing *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* on July 15, just before the release of the new Harry Potter book on July 16. To highlight the library's summer reading program, we'll be giving away copies of the new book that winners can pick up the next day at the Fountain Square Branch Library," Halstead said.

Other notable events include a Golden Ticket promotion at the August 19 showing of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and a special second showing of *The Wizard of Oz* with Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon* during Midwest Music Summit on Friday, July 22.

Scheduled movies for the summer series are: *Shrek 2*, July 1; *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius*, July 8; *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, July 15; *The Wizard of Oz*, July 22; *The Sandlot*, July 29; *The Karate Kid*, August 5; *Space Jam*, August 12; *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, August 19; and *The Iron Giant*, August 26. Pre-movie festivities begin at 6 p.m., movies at 8 p.m.

Area youth groups including the Lilly Boys and Girls Clubs, Southeast Community Organization (SECO) Youth Workforce, and FACT for Southeast Neighborhood School of Excellence (SENSE) will sell refreshments and act as “ambassadors of neighborhood goodwill.” Money raised will support area Little League, after-school programming, and Safe Havens.

For further information about the Bank One Family Film Festival, visit www.discoverfountainsquare.com.