

MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE

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MoMI GOES GREEN FOR SPRING RECESS, PLUS SCREENINGS OF 'LU OVER THE WALL' AND 'SINGIN' IN THE RAIN' IN APRIL

During Spring Recess, April 19–28, daily matinees of Wallace & Gromit in *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* will be accompanied by an array of green-themed family activities

Astoria, New York, March 29, 2019—In April 2019, Museum of the Moving Image will present matinees of the toe-tapping Japanese animated feature *Lu Over the Wall* (April 6 & 7), the Donen-Kelly classic Hollywood musical *Singin' in the Rain* (April 13 & 14), and daily shows of **Wallace & Gromit in *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*** (April 19–28) over Spring Recess for New York City public school students accompanied by drop-in family activities relating to springtime and Earth Day. See below for a full schedule of programs.

In addition to programs noted below, the Museum also offers the drop-in mediamaking space **Moving Image Studio** every weekend 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (expanded for Spring Recess). The first Saturday of every month (next session: April 6, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.) features **Access Mornings @ MoMI**, an exclusive hour before the Museum opens to the public when families with children on the autism spectrum can participate in small-group, educator-led activities and tours, and featuring a professional puppeteer. Also on the first Saturday, the family matinee will be presented in a sensory friendly environment, with the lights dimmed, but not off, and the volume lowered. On the last Saturday of the month (next session: April 27), **Mornings @ MoMI** welcomes families with young children for educator-led activities and tours, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and includes a light breakfast. More information [here](#).

Please note: The Museum will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, April 22 and 23, in addition to regular hours during Spring Recess.

APRIL 2019 FAMILY PROGRAMS AT MoMI

All screenings take place in the Sumner M. Redstone Theater or the Celeste Armand Bartos Screening Room at MoMI, 36-01 35 Ave, Astoria, New York, 11106. Ticket purchase includes same-day admission to the Museum. Unless stated, tickets are \$15 (\$11 seniors and students / \$9 youth ages 3–17 / Free or discounted for Museum members). Advance tickets are available online at movingimage.us

Lu Over the Wall

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 11:30 A.M. (In English / SENSORY FRIENDLY SCREENING)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 11:30 A.M. (In Japanese with English subtitles)

Recommended for ages 8+

Dir. Masaaki Yuasa. Japan. 2017, 117 mins. DCP. One of the most exciting Japanese animation directors working today, Masaaki Yuasa is best known for his wild, freeform style with influences ranging from Tex Avery to *The Wrong Trousers*. Joyously hallucinogenic but family friendly, *Lu Over the Wall* drops a music-loving mermaid into a middle-school rock band. With dreams of making it big and out of their sleepy fishing village, bandmates Kai, Yuho, and Kunio—with their new mermaid friend Lu on vocals—plan to play the big summer festival. When everyone discovers Lu is a mermaid, the town's dark history with mermaids comes to light and threatens its very existence. Winner of the Grand Prize at the prestigious Annecy Animation Festival and an official selection of Sundance 2018, *Lu Over the Wall* is a toe-tapping, feel-good demonstration of Yuasa's genre-mixing mastery—and it has mer-dogs!

Singin' in the Rain

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 12:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 12:00 P.M.

Recommended for ages 6+

Dirs. Stanley Donen, Gene Kelly. 1952, 103 mins. DCP. With Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds. Donen and Kelly's satirical look at Hollywood at the cusp of the sound era is simply the most joyous experience one could ever have going to the movies. With its super-saturated colors, non-stop belly laughs, playlist of repurposed classic tunes, and, of course, dazzling display of fabulous footwork—including O'Connor's show-stopping "Make 'em Laugh," Kelly's iconic titular tune, and the epic, eye-popping "Broadway Melody" number—*Singin' in the Rain* is a blast. What better way of honoring the late Stanley Donen, who passed away this February, than by showing one of the great movie musicals, which he directed with Kelly.

SPRING RECESS FAMILY MATINEE

Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit

APRIL 19–28, 2019, 12:00 P.M. DAILY

Recommended for ages 7+

Dirs. Steve Box, Nick Park. 2005, 85 mins. DCP. With the voices of Peter Sallis, Helena Bonham Carter, Ralph Fiennes. Eccentric inventor Wallace and his faithful dog Gromit—Aardman Animations's most beloved creations—investigate the mystery behind a garden sabotage that plagues their village and threatens the annual giant-vegetable-growing contest. Along the way, Wallace hopes to win the affection of contest host Lady Campanula Tottington. This cinematic romp of inventions, intrigue, and preposterous puns won the Oscar for Best Animated Feature. This Spring Recess, before or after seeing the film, drop in to the Moving Image Studio for relating art and media-making activities for the whole family.

SPRING RECESS FAMILY PROGRAM

Spring Recess Family Activities: MoMI Goes Green!

APRIL 19–28, 2019, 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. IN THE DIGITAL LEARNING SUITE

Recommended for ages 4+

This school break, families are invited to drop in to the Moving Image Studio for an array of green-themed activities relating to springtime and to celebrate Earth Day. They include a green-screen stage where kids can "sing in the rain" against a background of their choice and an

opportunity to create claymation movies and characters based on the Wallace & Gromit movie *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, which screens daily at 12:00 pm. In addition, families will be encouraged to add to the "MoMI Garden," by building flowers, plants, and bugs using recyclable objects at a craft-making station. Free with Museum admission.

ONE-DAY SPRING RECESS ACTIVITY

Green Family Activities

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 11:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

Presented in collaboration with WNET

Recommended for ages 4+

On the Saturday before Earth Day, MoMI will host family-focused environmental screenings and workshops at the Museum in partnership with WNET. From 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., families can see the award-winning PBS Kids series *Cyberchase* in English and Spanish; then from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., children and their caregivers can explore STEM-related activities in the Museum's Moving Image Studio drop-in workshop. The activities will introduce families to environmental education videos, games, and activities and encourage viewing, playing, and learning as a family about living green lifestyles. This Green Family event will help parents and children to develop healthy conservation family habits. Free with Museum admission

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MUSEUM INFORMATION

Museum of the Moving Image advances the understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation of the art, history, technique, and technology of film, television, and digital media. In its acclaimed facility in Astoria, New York, the Museum presents exhibitions; screenings; discussion programs featuring actors, directors, and industry leaders; and education programs which serve more than 50,000 students each year. The Museum also houses a significant collection of moving-image artifacts.

Hours: Wed–Thurs, 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Fri, 10:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Sat–Sun, 10:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Museum Admission: \$15 adults; \$11 senior citizens (ages 65+) and students (ages 18+) with ID; \$9 youth (ages 3–17). Children under 3 and Museum members are admitted free.

Free Friday Nights: free gallery admission every Friday, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. presented by the Richmond Country Savings Foundation. Additionally, this program is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

Film Screenings: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and as scheduled. Unless otherwise noted, tickets: \$15 adults, \$11 students and seniors, \$9 youth (ages 3–17), free or discounted for Museum members (depending on level of membership). Advance purchase is available online. Ticket purchase includes same-day Museum admission.

Location: 36-01 35 Avenue (at 37 Street) in Astoria.

Subway: M or R to Steinway Street. N or W to 36 Ave or Broadway.

Program Information: Telephone: 718 777 6888; Website: movingimage.us

Membership: <http://movingimage.us/support/membership> or 718 777 6877

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