

Entertainment

The cheapest seats in town

by Glenn St-Germain

If you like movies, you know that they can be expensive. The first-run, mainstream movie houses now charge \$5.50 for a single adult admission; some special events have a price tag of \$6.00!

However, there are bargains to be had for the discerning moviegoer, if you know where (and when) to look.

\$2.50 Tuesdays

Everyone knows about Tuesdays by now. Tuesdays used to be the slowest day of the week at movie theatres. To remedy the situation, the big chains came up with \$2.00 Tuesdays (back when regular prices were five bucks). Inflation has added a bit, but Tuesday night movies costing five dollars for two people is still a great deal.

Princess Theatre

Located on 82 Avenue between 103 and 104 Streets, right in the heart of Old Strathcona, the Princess Theatre is a great place for movies at low prices.

The Princess Theatre is a repertory theatre. In other words, their programme changes nightly (except for occasional special events), offering lots of variety.

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As a repertory theatre, the fare is quite varied, from second-run movies from recent times, alternative film, and golden oldies. In any given week there is something for everyone.

It is a good idea to buy a membership at the Princess if you're a serious film fan. A student membership is \$7, which gets you into the theatre for \$2.50 per film (except for special events, which are \$3.50). The regular prices are \$4.25 for most films and \$5 or \$5.50 for special events. At a saving of \$1.75 per film for members, a student membership pays for itself after four movies.

There are even a few members-only movies (for example, *Stop Making Sense*), and the concession stand at the Princess has the most unique assortment of snacks in town.

The Roxy Theatre

The Roxy Theatre is located on 124 Street just north of 107 Avenue. Although a bit out of the way for those who live on the southside, the Roxy is worth checking out for low-priced movies.

The Roxy is also a repertory theatre, with programmes changing two or three times a week. All seats for all movies are \$2. The Roxy's schedule contains a good assortment of second-run films from the past few years, along with occasional older favorites. On Friday and Saturday nights there's a late show at 11:30; once a month a triple bill will run weekends with a three-movie price of \$5.

Edmonton Film Society

The Edmonton Film Society shows movies weekly with some great classic films for lovers of great film. This year, two series will be run, alternating with each other weekly. September 29 starts a series of International Films, which will alternate with a series of Classic films.

The International series will be shown on campus, in Tory Lecture Theatre 11, while the classic series plays at the Provincial Museum Auditorium.

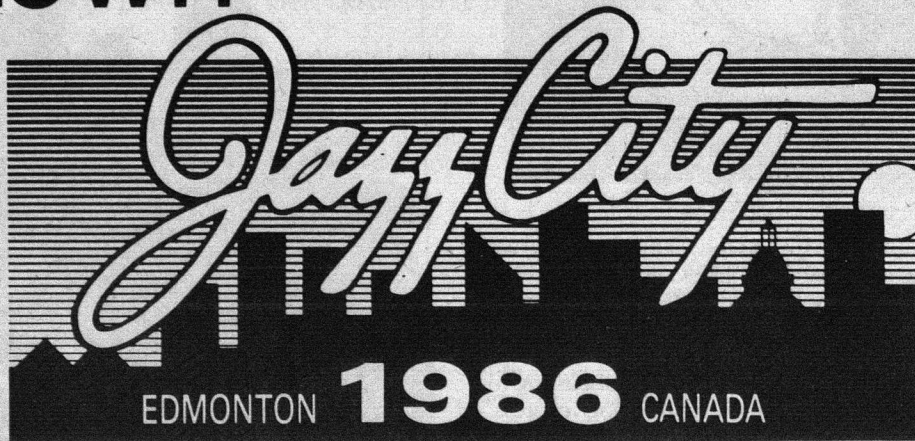
Admissions for the films are \$4 for adults, \$3 for EFS members. A series ticket for ten films is \$23 for the Classic, and \$28 for the International series. For further information, contact the EFS at 488-4335. Showings are Monday nights.

SUB Theatre

Our very own, easy to access theatre offers film at a mere dollar a crack with I.D. card. Selection is middle of the road, with the occasional gem making an appearance.

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Too often dollar signs keep students out of the theatres and concert halls. with this tragic situation in mind, three intrepid Gateways went in search of the deals and perks which would make arts accessible to the thin-walleted student. They returned with tips galore on how to see the best for less.



by Dragos Riui

Going to the bank reminds me so much of going to a funeral parlor. The tellers always look so sad when they give me my balance. ("I'm sorry sir, your account has passed away").

So what is a university student to do for entertainment? No, don't even think television. It WILL rot the mind. There are no movies you want to see? Well, what about theatre? Too expensive? Not necessarily.

This is the beginning of a new season for a large number of theatre troupes around Edmonton. Almost all of them offer reasonable, low prices or discounts to students. There is almost always a play you can go to in the city.

Sooo... I got on the horn and talked to all the theatre groups that I could think of. After blistering my phone dialing finger, I had a whole bunch of info. Below you will find a distilled version of what I found out.

Legal Disclaimer: The theatres listed below are in no particular order whatsoever. The comments about the theatres are from people involved with the groups themselves. Void where prohibited by law.

The Phoenix Theatre

The Phoenix is renowned for its innovative approach to theatre. They put on their plays at Jubilee's 250 seat Kaasa Theatre. They offer a deal to students on a full season subscription (four plays). It costs \$25 and gets you into any of the shows except for Friday and Saturday nights.

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Workshop West Theatre

Workshop West is a stage ensemble which puts on plays by emerging Canadian playwrights. They also put on their programs at the Kaasa Theatre. They do two previews of their play before opening night. Previews cost \$5 and normal tickets cost \$12. They offer student discounts of \$2 on regular showings and \$1 on previews.

Theatre Network

This is another group that puts on works by Canadian and regional playwrights. They put on their productions at their own 150 seat theatre. They have an interesting exchange program with Saskatoon's "25th Street Theatre" whereby they 'trade' one play and cast per season. The best deal they offer to students is on Tues.-Thurs. tickets which they sell for \$6 instead of the regular \$8.50. They also offer a deal on subscriptions to their 5-play season for \$24 instead of the regular \$32.

Walterdale Theatre

This is an amateur theatre group that has U of A students as part of the cast. Usually two of the plays in their season are exceptional. They offer no student discounts but their prices are very reasonable, \$5 for all tickets or \$25 for a subscription to their six-play season.

Nexus Theatre

The Nexus puts on one-hour productions

by Edmonton playwrights. They also offer lunch hour shows in their downtown theatre. The price of admission to their plays is \$5 but if you get a group of ten together they can get in for \$4 each.

Northern Lights

Northern Lights Theatre is for "those who enjoy the traditional and are excited by the avant garde". They offer student previews of their productions or Sunday showings for \$7.50. During the other shows you can get in for \$5.00 if you can gather a group of ten.

Citadel

The Citadel is Edmonton's largest theatre group and offers very high caliber theatre. They actually have three theatre groups (Shoctor, Rice and Family) which perform in the Citadel's four theatres.

The best student deal offered in Shoctor theatre is \$8.50 for Previews, Matinees, or Sunday Night Shows. The student subscription to these 6 shows is \$42.50.

The Rice theatre offers a deal on the Saturday 5 pm. show, the Tuesday preview and the Sunday matinee shows at \$8.50 or \$30 for all four plays of the season.

The Family theatre offers a flat 50 per cent discount to youths.

Chinook Theatre

I phoned these guys and whoever I talked to has to be the snarkest receptionist ever. I asked what their prices are, and received, "I can't tell you. Our prices change with every show," for an answer. When I asked if they were going to offer any plays of interest to U of A students this season, I received a flat "No!"

So there it is folks, the consumer's guide to theatre. Remember, that there is a great variety in the calibers of theatre here that is not always indicated by price. But you can be broke and still afford to go to a play now and then. Check it out.



by Juanita Spears

If symphonic music is your preferred fall entertainment, then you have a lot to look forward to as the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra is offering a little bit of everything.

There is the Master Series performed on Friday and Saturday evenings designed for the dedicated symphony goer.

For a little lighter programming, and a break in mid-week, then perhaps the Connoisseur Series on Wednesday evenings is for you.

If the traditional classical music is not quite your preference, but the sounds of the symphony intrigue you, then check out the Pops Series which features a blend of old and new tunes.

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And for something completely different, the Seagram Cafe Concert Series is a must. This is an evening of dinner and dance with each concert sporting a different theme. These concerts are being held at the Fantasyland Hotel ballroom this year.

Adult tickets range from \$10 to \$20, the same seats costing students \$8 to \$18. If these prices are a little too hefty for your pocketbook, you can purchase student rush tickets between 7 and 8 p.m. on the evening of the performance. Granted these tickets will only put you back \$5, but you get what you pay for. They are for the back seats on the second balcony. In other words, the worst seats in the house. The one advantage is that you can discreetly move to better unoccupied seats after the intermission.

The best deal is the Student Concert Pass. For \$40 you receive five passes which are completely transferable and can be used for any performance you wish. So you could see a performance from the Master Series one week, the Connoisseur Series the next and so on. The best feature of this pass is that on the night of the performance, between 7 and 8 p.m., you simply trade in your pass for the best available seat in the house. The chances of getting \$20 seats are very good.

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STAFF MEETING
Thursday, Sept. 25th
4:30 p.m.
Everyone welcome!

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