

Title of the Release:

Free Outdoor Nationwide Movie Tour Comes to Baltimore on August 10

JOHN WATERS MARATHON at Middlebranch Park

Middlebranch Park
3301 Waterview Ave
Baltimore, MD 21230

The Event:

This free John Waters marathon brought to you by www.newline.com, distributors of the John Waters Collection.

Special Guests live in person: Longtime John Waters producer and right-hand Pat Moran, and actors Susan Lowe (Mole in Desperate Living) and George Stover (Don Dohler and John Waters regular) live in person!!

In Baltimore, famed stomping ground of crowned prince of bad taste John Waters, we will be featuring a dusk-til-dawn drive-in marathon of some of his finest work. From his breakout film *Pink Flamingos* (1972) to his crossover to Hollywood fame, *Hairspray* (1988). Before each of the features, we'll screen an assortment of vintage exploitation trailers.

The first 200 people in to the show will get a free, limited edition ODORAMA card, an essential aid for enjoying Polyester to its full potential. Every visitor to the Dusk-til-Dawn drive-in marathon will receive a complimentary John Waters barf bag, because as the master says, "To me, bad taste is what entertainment is all about. If someone vomits watching one of my films, it's like getting a standing ovation."

For those attendees from out of town who want to immerse themselves in the complete John Waters experience before the show, we will be posting a downloadable map of the filming locations from his sizable film canon. Check back to this site closer to the screening to download the map.

The Films:

Film #1: Hairspray

Dir. John Waters, 1988, PG, 92 min

'Pleasantly Plump' teenager Tracy Turnblad achieves her dream of becoming a regular on the Corny Collins Dance Show. Now a teen hero, she starts using her fame to speak out for the causes she believes in, most of all integration. In doing so, she earns the wrath of the show's former star, Amber Von Tussle, as well as Amber's manipulative, pro-segregation parents (Debbie Harry and Sonny Bono!) The rivalry comes to a head as Amber and Tracy vie for the title of Miss Auto Show 1963. Now also a smash Broadway play (which swept the 2003 Tony Awards), *Hairspray* is a fabulous treat in it's original cinematic incarnation.

Film #2: Polyester

Dir. John Waters, 1981, R, 86 min

Francine Fishpaw is a upper middle class suburban housewife in Baltimore. Unfortunately for this "good Christian woman", the money to support her lifestyle comes from her husband's porno theater, her son is the notorious "Baltimore Stomper", her daughter is knocked up by a local hoodlum, her husband is having an affair with his secretary, and the neighbors are protesting.

Film #3: Desperate Living

Dir. John Waters, 1977, R, 90 min

A rich housewife murders her husband with the help of her overweight maid, and the two go on the run, ending up in Mortville, a "town" providing refuge for criminals, which is actually a homeless community built into a garbage dump. They shack up with a lesbian ex-wrestler and her murderess lover, before running into the tyrannical Queen Carlotta, ruler of Mortville.

To celebrate their 40th Anniversary in 2007, New Line Cinema is relaunching www.newline.com and hosting several events (including this screening). Check out their amazing collection online, which of course includes the John Waters DVD Box Set.

Select attendees will be invited to the "dusk-til-dawn VIP tent" sponsored by Dewar's White Label.

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