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Exclusive international film previews come to Waterloo at the Princess Twin Cinemas

On September 26, 2019 and October 3, 2019, the 8th annual Surprise Movie Night Duo comes to the Princess Twin Cinemas in support of KW Counselling Services.

Each year, John Tutt of Waterloo's Princess Cinemas selects brand new films straight from the international film festival circuit and arranges special pre-release screenings for this event. The films tend to be something unique and more challenging than a standard "popcorn movie". John has a history of selecting thought provoking films that have gone on to critical acclaim. Previous films include the award-winning *Anthropocene*, *The Florida Project*, *Brooklyn*, Damien Chazelle's *Whiplash*, Ritesh Batra's *The Lunchbox*, and Sarah Polley's *Stories We Tell*.

Ticket packages begin at just \$30 and the funds raised support KW Counselling Services' work with children and families who have experienced trauma. Rebecca Webb, Executive Director of KW Counselling Services says, "Surprise Movie Night has become a critical fundraiser for us. Without it, we wouldn't be able to sustain our Trusting, Loving Connections (TLC) program for those families that have experienced trauma."

John Tutt explains, "We've always been very proud to support KW Counselling Services. This is an excellent organization that has made a difference in the lives of many people in our community."

What makes Surprise Movie Night unique is that no one knows what film they are about to see when they sit down in the theatre. Tutt continues, "We love to hear the excited conversations after the screenings. People are very eager talk about these films, and then keep an eye on them to see how they do in awards season."

Webb says, "I think some people assume we receive government funding for all of our programs and services but that isn't the case. Only about 35% of our funding across the agency is from government sources, and there is no government funding for TLC. We rely on individuals and businesses in the community to help us sustain our work through donations, and by attending events like Surprise Movie Night."

Surprise Movie Night tickets can be purchased at: <http://bit.ly/Surprise2019>

About KW Counselling Services:

KW Counselling Services is a multi-service agency offering counselling supports to individuals, couples and families in Waterloo Region. In addition to our counselling work we offer a variety of parenting education workshops, leadership training for members of the multicultural community, and community development support for newcomers to Canada and the LGBTQ2+ community. We are proud to have been supporting children, youth and families in this community since 1950.

About Princess Cinemas:

The Princess Cinemas is a true Canadian independent cinema, owner-operated and owner-programmed, with two urban locations in the heart of Waterloo, Ontario. The "Original" Princess Cinema at 6 Princess Street West maintains a "calendar art-house" programming model, which exhibits the best in international, independent and Canadian cinema, as well as festival hits, documentaries, mini-festivals, Hollywood classics, cult films and special series. The Princess Twin Cinemas at 46 King Street North screen new choices every week and has the ability to hold popular hits for weeks, even months! Princess Cinemas celebrated their 30th anniversary in 2015.

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