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First edition of Bajes Outdoor Cinema in Leeuwarden

Four summer evenings of watching movies in the courtyard of the Blokhuispoort

Leeuwarden, Thursday, June 4, 2026 – From Wednesday, August 19 to Saturday, August 22, 2026, the historic courtyard of the Blokhuispoort in Leeuwarden will transform into an open-air cinema suitable for 600 visitors. With the first edition of the Bajes Outdoor Cinema, Stichting Film in Friesland brings together film, social interaction, and a summery atmosphere for four evenings at one of the city's most unique locations.

New initiative

The Bajes Outdoor Cinema is a new initiative by the Film in Friesland foundation, the organization behind the Northern Film Festival and film house Slieker. Visitors can enjoy accessible quality films for four evenings, projected onto a 10 by 8 meter screen. Furthermore, two film nights will begin with a short film by a Frisian filmmaker.

With the Bajes Outdoor Cinema, the organization aims to literally take film outdoors. Watching a film together outdoors creates a different experience than going to the cinema. The combination of the historic Blokhuispoort, a summer evening, and a surprising film program makes this a special experience.

Special summer evening in the city

The Bajes Outdoor Cinema explicitly targets a broad audience. From film lovers and regular art-house cinema visitors to students, tourists, and Leeuwarden residents looking for a special summer evening in the city. International visitors are also welcome; several films are in English or feature English subtitles.

With the Bajes Outdoor Cinema, the Film in Friesland Foundation aims to develop an annual summer event that introduces visitors to film and culture in an accessible way. In addition to the film program, social interaction is also central. Visitors can enjoy the unique atmosphere of the location before and after the screening and discuss the film together. The event is organized in collaboration with the hospitality businesses in the Blokhuispoort.

Program

The first titles in the program will be announced in early June. Ticket sales start on Thursday, July 16 at 12:00 PM via www.bajesbuitenbios.nl