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Many of my memories of childhood center around movies. Walking with my older sister and younger brother to the theater to see *Superman: The Movie*. Seeing *Jaws* at the drive-in and watching my brother leap from the front seat of the car to the back when the shark popped up behind Roy Scheider. Pretending to be asleep at the end of *E.T.*, so no one could see that I was crying.

We moved quite a bit, and lived in small towns like Roosevelt, and larger ones like Midvale. But my favorite place, no matter where we lived, was the movie theater. The cinema was a place of big images, big stories, and big emotions. It was a place where I could visit different countries, even different worlds, and experience sights that sparked my young imagination.

Many of those theaters from my youth were small, shabby, and it took *months* for the biggest movies to get there. But sometimes the theater itself was part of the adventure. I vividly recall watching the forest chase in *Return of the Jedi* on the huge screen in the domed Century 21 (I got motion sickness), and seeing *Star Trek II* on my 10th birthday at the Centre Theater in Salt Lake City, with its unique tower and art deco décor.

This month PBS Utah celebrates theaters throughout the state and the magic of the




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film-going experience in **Utah Movie Palaces**. Producer Issac Goekeritz has crafted a loving and nostalgic look at these wonderful places where so many of us found escape, adventure, or even some of our first summer jobs.

Of course, the power of the moving image and the immersive, transportive story-telling it allows is at the heart of what we do at PBS Utah. In September, we'll take you to not only some great old movie palaces, but also to royal palaces, the art scene in London, the island of Madagascar, and more from the comfort of your own living room.

Your living room may or may not reflect the splendor of the old movie palaces. I'm just glad when I have cleared the coffee table. We are all spending an unprecedented amount of time at home. PBS Utah hopes the memories you are creating in your own palaces — whether while bingeing a **Masterpiece** drama, exploring an unknown land in a **Nature** program, getting inspired about your next home project, or playing a never-ending round of Monopoly with your loved ones — will be memories you will always cherish.



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