



**6 - 14 JULY 2018**

**18<sup>TH</sup> EDITION**

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For its 18<sup>th</sup> edition, the festival will hold Open Air screenings in the very heart of Neuchâtel for a period of 9 days. The market will move to Place du Port.

## **The NIFFF comes to Place des Halles**

As the NIFFF's (Neuchâtel International Fantastic Film Festival) 18<sup>th</sup> edition approaches, the organisers and the City of Neuchâtel are proud to announce that the Open Air screenings will take place on the iconic Place des Halles, in the very heart of the historic town of Neuchâtel.

Like every year, the NIFFF - which programming will as always be both prestigious and surprising - will run for 9 days and transform Neuchâtel into a hub for fantastic cinema. The upcoming 18<sup>th</sup> edition will mark the move of its Open Air attraction - which used to be located on the Ostervalk quay - to a superb and grandiose medieval backdrop, thanks to our collaboration with the City of Neuchâtel, Association Neuchâtel Centre, the Groupement du marché, and the square's restaurant owners. Having noticed the enthusiasm surrounding this development, the festival's organisers cannot help but think they are finally entering a new era, having reaped the fruit of their long-lasting labour. The City of Neuchâtel joins them in thanking the economic stakeholders who backed their project and committed to its success.

### **The Open Air: a large scale infrastructure**

The NIFFF's Open Air will consist of one giant screen (16 meters wide) and 500 seats, including 234 covered tiered seats. Every night, two films will be shown from dusk on. Midnight showings will be silent, as attendants will be given headsets on site. There will be no barriers around the Open Air area. Merchants and restaurants will thus be able to take advantage of the set up to create offerings unique to the festival. Now considered a living, breathing part of the city, the NIFFF sees this as a huge turning point for its evolution.

As for the Neuchâtel market, it will move to Place du Port while the NIFFF is on (Tuesdays, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursdays, July 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and Saturdays, July 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>).

The festival's complete programme, which will be revealed on June 21<sup>st</sup>, will include 18 films audience members can experience under the stars. From NIFFF INVASION restored classics to world-class masterpieces of fantastic cinema, there will be something for every cinephile.

### **NIFFF INVASION at the Open Air**

Five Open Air screenings will be offered by the City of Neuchâtel as part of the NIFFF INVASION event. Both unifying and inviting, this label thrives to be an opportunity to explore the fantasy genre, no matter the public's age or social background, hence its move to a more central location. Encouraged and financed by the City of Neuchâtel, this unmissable event aims at enlivening the city through a series of installations and activities in a festive atmosphere.

### **Practical information - NIFFF OPEN AIR**

Location: Place des Halles, Neuchâtel

Dates: 6 - 14 July, 2018

Capacity: 500 (234 covered seats)

Format: digital (4K projector), 2 screenings per night from 10:15 p.m. regardless of weather conditions; silent midnight showings with audio headsets

Food: the many restaurants on Place des Halles

Complete programme: from June 21<sup>st</sup> on [www.niff.ch](http://www.niff.ch)

Tickets: 13 showings at CHF14 each, 5 free showings; bookings and presales on [www.starticket.ch](http://www.starticket.ch) (from June 21<sup>st</sup>)

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