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Greenville's Moonlight Movies series at the Peace Center Amphitheatre starts Sept. 1 with a Viewer's Choice film.

Moonlight Movies series wants your vote

Films tied to upcoming events

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Classic movies are part of the downtown Greenville landscape every spring and fall, but before the city's Rogers Stereo Moonlight Movies series unspools on Sept. 1, organizers need a little help.

The city is asking fans to vote on the first film of the monthlong series.

The choices are: "Rudy," the 1993 Sean Astin football film; 1995's "Toy Story," the first movie from Pixar Studios; and "The Nutty Professor," the 1963 classic starring the incomparably wacky Jerry Lewis.

There is a method to the selection process, said Will Young, special event coordinator for the city of Greenville.

"It's the first week of the football season, so that's why we chose 'Rudy,'" Young said.

"Toy Story" was a runner-up in last year's Viewer's Choice poll, Young said, and "The Nutty Professor" is a popular classic comedy.

The deadline for voting is Aug. 23.

For the remainder of September, the film selection is tied into specific events coming to Greenville, he said.

The Peace Center is now one of the sponsors of the series, and three of the productions in its 2010-2011 Broadway season, "Nine to Five," "Young Frankenstein" and "West Side Story," will be shown in their film incarnations during September.

The other film, 1985's "Pee Wee's Big Adventure," starring a bike-riding Pee Wee Herman, is tied into the Greenville Hospital System USA Pro Cycling Championships, coming to town Sept. 18 and 19, Young said.

The movies begin around 8 p.m. each Wednesday at the Peace Center Amphitheater, and admission is free. Moviegoers are welcome to bring picnics, and food will be available for purchase as well.

Here's the schedule:

- Sept. 1: Viewer's Choice poll winner
- Sept. 8: "Nine to Five"
- Sept. 15: "Pee Wee's Big Adventure"
- Sept. 22: "Young Frankenstein"
- Sept. 29: "West Side Story"

TO VOTE

To cast your vote for the Sept. 1 screening of Rogers Stereo Moonlight Movies, go to www.greenvillesc.gov/PublicInfo_Events/MoonlightMovies.aspx. The deadline is Aug. 23.