

Camps, Flicks and Fond Memories of Dancing Snacks

OLD BECOMES NEW, whether it's fashion trends like crop tops and bell-bottom jeans or drive-in movies ... I admit that I'm from that era. We used to pack in as many friends as possible so we could split the \$5 per carload ticket price.

Even better if someone had a station wagon. That way we could afford to visit the "concession center." How many of you remember the dancing popcorn and hot dog commercials at intermission? Yes, to you youngsters — there were intermissions.

The metal speakers that clipped on your car certainly didn't offer the same sound systems we enjoy today, but they seemed magical — static and all. It was a bummer if you picked a spot with a broken speaker, though.

The drive-in was billed as relaxing under nature's own canopy, enjoying an evening's entertainment from the comfort of your car with no need to dress up (unless you were on a date)! That's a perfect night out in a pandemic — and hopefully beyond.

The Enzian thought so and started offering drive-in movies, to the nostalgic delight of many. Like other cultural organizations, our own art-house theater continues to turn lemons into lemonade.

This year, the Enzian's Florida Film Festival celebrates the big 3-0. The festival began in 1991 with a vision from the Tiedtke family to bring independent films and filmmakers to Central Florida and give locals an opportunity to see something other than the latest blockbusters at the multiplex. This year's festival may have a different feel, but with the same eclectic offerings. (See page 30.)

It's also summer camp planning time, with fun and fabulous options to introduce children to everything from theater to science. Here's a chance for kids to discover hidden talents and embrace budding passions. Slots go fast, so sign up soon to fill those summer days with new experiences and friends. (See page 23.)

While we probably won't crowd into a car to watch a movie, there are still many opportunities to capture the magic of spring and escape into the world of film, where adventure awaits. But I will miss the dancing snacks.

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