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
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
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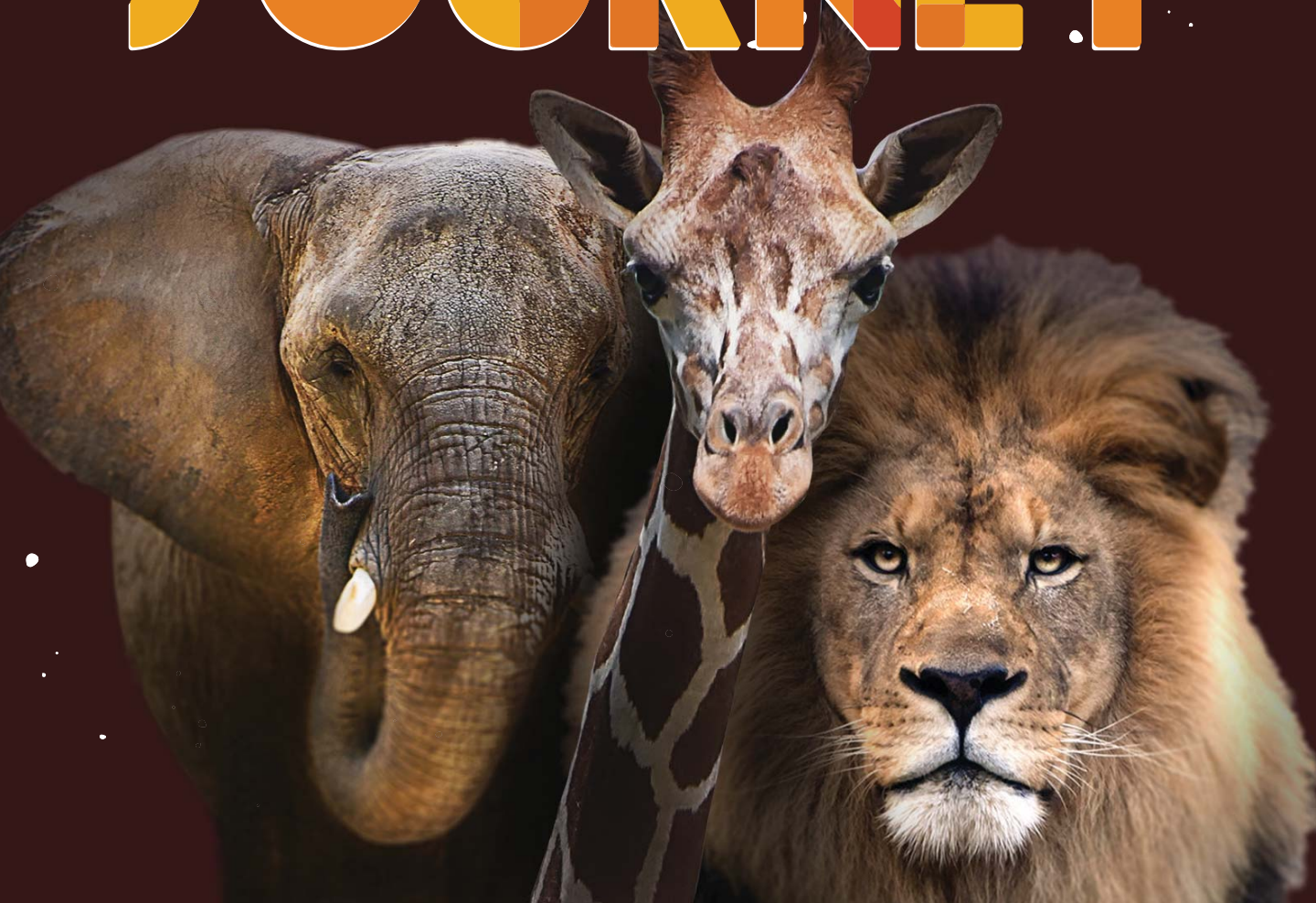
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Ready to do summer right in Charm City? This issue is loaded with tips for making the most of your vacation. On page 14, check out our take on the summer's best festivals, whether you're into art (don't miss Artscape), vegan soul food (you have to try Vegan Soulfest) or want to celebrate music and culture at AFRAM.

In recent years, there's been a growing desire to slow down, unplug from devices and get back to some tried-and-true pastimes. Baltimore's on board with that trend: Turn to page 30 to discover our picks for the best old-school experiences in the city, from browsing area record stores to taking in a proper British-style tea. And to unwind over a sampling of the city's most iconic eats, from fudgy Berger cookies to blue-crab everything, turn to page 20.

These warm months are filled with joys both large and small – and Baltimore is just the place to discover the season's most delightful pleasures. We can't wait for you to see what we're all about.

Cheers to summer!

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Animal Tales

WALTERS ART MUSEUM
MAY 18 - AUGUST 11

Created between the 13th and 17th centuries, the 12 manuscripts in this exhibition reveal how animals represented shared cultural knowledge like morals, stories and fables.

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SkyClimber & The Port

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After months of construction, Port Discovery is reopening its main museum this June. It is now home to two new exhibits. Through The Port, children can take on the role of ship’s captain, engineer or navigator. And the adventurous can climb the four-story SkyClimber from “underwater” to “in the clouds.”

African Journey

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PERMANENT EXHIBITS

Several areas within the African Journey section of the Zoo are being renovated and expanded to give the animals and visitors a better experience. The lion exhibit is already complete, with better viewing areas for training demonstrations, and the elephant and giraffe areas will soon follow.

»» See page 14 to find the BEST SUMMER FESTIVAL for your interest.



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◀ **Federal Hill Jazz and Blues Festival**
JUNE 1: Listen to the best of Baltimore's jazz and blues scene while you stroll this historic neighborhood.

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▶ **WTMD First Thursdays**
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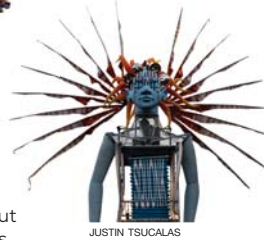
▼ **LatinoFest**
JUNE: Dance to the hottest Latino DJs or taste cuisine from the Americas and the Caribbean.



▲ **AFRAM**
AUGUST 10-11: One of the largest African American festivals on the East Coast, fronted by national headliners and hosted in scenic Druid Hill Park.



▲ **Preakness InfieldFest**
MAY 18: Watch thoroughbreds race for the title while you rock out to performances by Kygo, Logic and Diplo.



◀ **Artscape**
JULY 19-21: America's largest free arts festival, featuring 150+ artists, designers and craftspeople.



▶ **Baltimore/Washington One Caribbean Carnival**
JULY 13-14: This Caribbean-style festival and parade just might be Baltimore's best party. Featuring 25 masquerade bands!



▶ **Baltimore Pride**
JUNE 14-16: Celebrate empowerment with Baltimore's LGBTQ community at this lively parade and festival.



CULTURE



◀ **Feast of St. Gabriele Festival**
AUGUST 17-18: Get a taste of the old world in Baltimore's Little Italy. The bocce tournament and sit-down pasta dinner are a must!

▶ **St. Nicholas Greek Folk Festival**
JUNE 6-9: Maryland's largest Greek event, showcasing great food, music and dancing.



◀ **Vegan Soulfest**
AUGUST 3: Celebrate the vegan life with great food, vendors, speakers and entertainment.



▶ **Summer Restaurant Week**
AUGUST 2-11: Baltimore's best eateries offer prix-fixe deals. Reservations encouraged!



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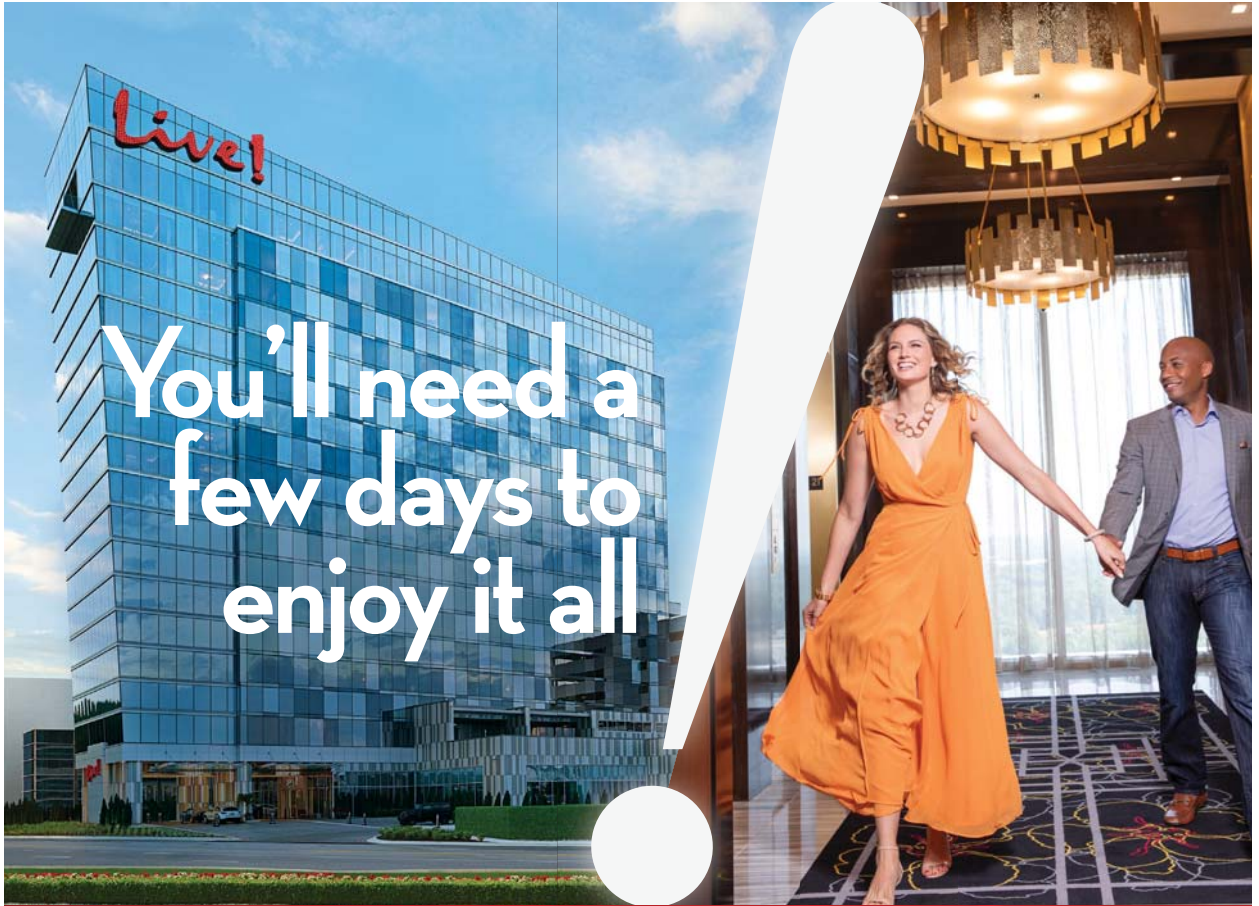
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◀ **Chesapeake Crab, Wine & Beer Festival**
JUNE 22: Crabs, wine and beer. Need we say more?

▶ **Honfest**
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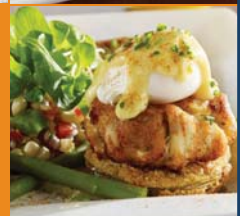
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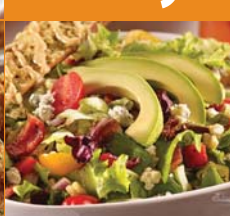
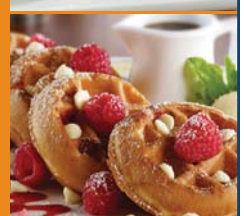
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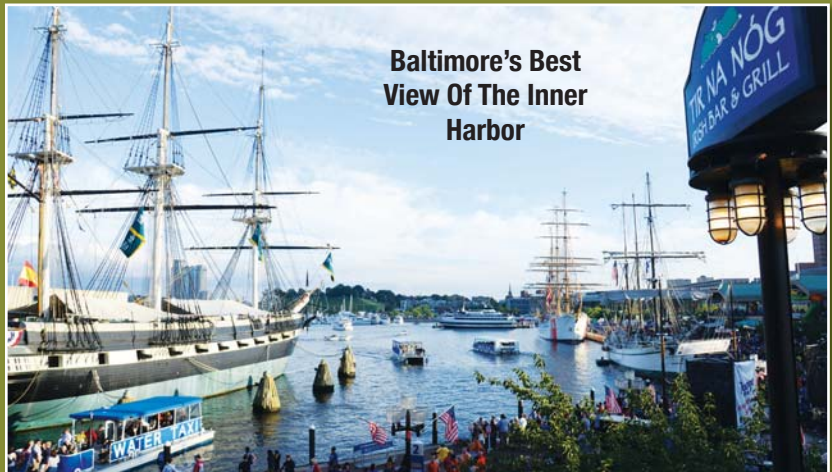
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City Sips

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The Orange Crush has its roots in the beach cities of Maryland's Eastern Shore, but has traveled inland to become a Baltimore mainstay. Recipes vary, but the general formula includes orange juice, orange vodka, triple sec and lemon-lime soda. A simple, refreshing drink that's perfectly suited for summer.

SIP IT Ryleigh's Oyster, Mama's on the Half Shell

BLACK-EYED SUSAN

The official cocktail of the Preakness Stakes, named for the Maryland state flower, this drink has many variations. Different recipes call for everything from peach schnapps to sour mix, but generally, the drink includes vodka, rum, triple sec, and orange and pineapple juice. Occasionally, a bit of rye whiskey or bourbon is tossed in there. Cheers!

SIP IT Order at local bars, especially during Preakness

LOCAL BEER

Baltimore is a hub of local breweries, from **Union Craft Brewing** to **Heavy Seas Beer**. Many a great variation can be found both in the brewery tasting rooms and on the shelves of local beer sellers – but our favorites are the seasonal or limited-edition specialties that really get to the heart of Maryland. In recent years, **Monument City Brewery** has teamed up with Goetze's Candy to make a Bulls-Eye Caramel Cream Milk Stout and **Checkerspot Brewing** created its Keeper Stout Nitro, a beer fortified with crab shells from J.M. Clayton Seafood Company in Cambridge. Plus, there have been beers inspired by Baltimore native Edgar Allan Poe and by local pastime duckpin bowling. Now that's hometown pride.

SIP IT Check out local breweries all over town for limited-edition releases

Summer



➤ Hampden's Atomic Books specializes in graphic novels, zines and other pop culture treasures.

Slowdown

Go offline and get real

After years of increasingly rapid-fire communications – remember when asking a question meant calling someone on the phone, or heading to a library? – it feels like recently, we’ve all been trying to find ways to slow down. No one’s ditching their smartphone for a carrier pigeon, but the trend of “slow food” evolved into interest in slower, well, everything. The result: An upcropping of throwback, hands-on businesses that focus on giving customers an in-person experience based on discovery, nostalgia and tactile pleasure.

Baltimore’s certainly not immune to the trend. In fact, the city’s already home to a host of subcultural concepts: Take, for example, The Book Thing in Waverly, a book “store” devoted to giving out volumes of books, totally free. Charles Village recently gained Beyond Video, a crowdsourced, volunteer-run and membership-based collection of VHS tapes, DVDs and Blu-Rays created by the Baltimore Video Collective and funded on Kickstarter. The concept has resonated with locals who miss community-based services like video stores.

“We all spend so much time online, and browsing online can feel draining and isolating, whereas browsing an old-school book, record or video store feels energizing,” says Beyond Video co-founder Eric Hatch. “People are realizing they miss the conversation and recommendations they get in person, which produce a shared sense of discovery that no algorithm can deliver; and they also miss engaging with the beauty of the artwork and packaging.”

The best way to get your analog groove on? Through old-school and immersive experiences alike. Whether you’re more interested in leisurely browsing books or bowling, Baltimore has something for you.

GET LOST IN A BOOK



Nothing online will ever replace that book smell. Prefer to soak it up in person? Baltimore is chock full of small, independently owned bookshops and historic libraries. Hampden's **Atomic Books** (3620 FALLS RD.) is a neighborhood institution that's known for its unparalleled collection of comic books and graphic novels, zines, art books and pop-culture treasures. This place has quirk in spades. The shop's tagline is, "Literary finds for mutated minds" – and rumor has it that John Waters receives his fan mail here.

Newer to the scene is **Greedy Reads** (1744 ALICEANNA ST.), a light-flooded book shop in Fell's Point that was opened last year by Julia Fleischaker, a Maryland native who moved back after working in publishing for nearly two decades in New York. A deep love of books and a desire to create community drives her store's ethos and programming, which includes a book club and discussions.

The magnificent architecture of the historic **George Peabody Library** (17 E. MOUNT VERNON PL.) is reason enough to visit this spot – but once you get your fill of



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Want to linger over books with a cup of coffee (and maybe follow with a delicious snack)? Check out Charles Village's **Bird in Hand** (11 E 33RD ST.), a hybrid cafe-meets-bookstore concept from the culinary minds behind award-winning Woodberry Kitchen and established bookseller The Ivy Bookshop. A locally sourced menu meets a carefully curated book selection – the perfect pair.

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TAKE IN SOME TUNES

Perhaps you like the idea of Bird in Hand's books-and-coffee vibe, but are more musicophile than bookworm. If so, head to the new record-shop-slash-cafe **Baby's on Fire** (1010 MORTON ST.) in Mount Vernon, which serves up Stumptown coffee brews and a small menu of light food alongside new and used records. (It's only appropriate that the name comes from the owners' favorite song by Brian Eno.) Music debates welcomed.

Baltimore's strong independent music scene means there are plenty of other record stores to check out, including Fell's Point's **The Sound Garden** (1616 THAMES ST.), which has racked up more than 50 awards in its 25-year history, including being named second-best record store in the nation by *Rolling Stone* magazine. More than 100,000 new and used CDs, LPs, DVDs, video games and pieces of DJ equipment are available for browsing at the shop. New to the same neighborhood is **Hare's Breath Records** (602 S. BROADWAY), which specializes in classic rock essentials and a truly eclectic, wide-ranging collection that's informed by the personal taste of the owners, who operate a record label on the



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side and harbor a passion for unusual music projects. And over in Hampden, swing by **Celebrated Summer Records** (3616 FALLS RD.) for a selection focused on punk, hardcore, jazz, soul and indie rock, plus a local section devoted to Baltimore-bred bands.

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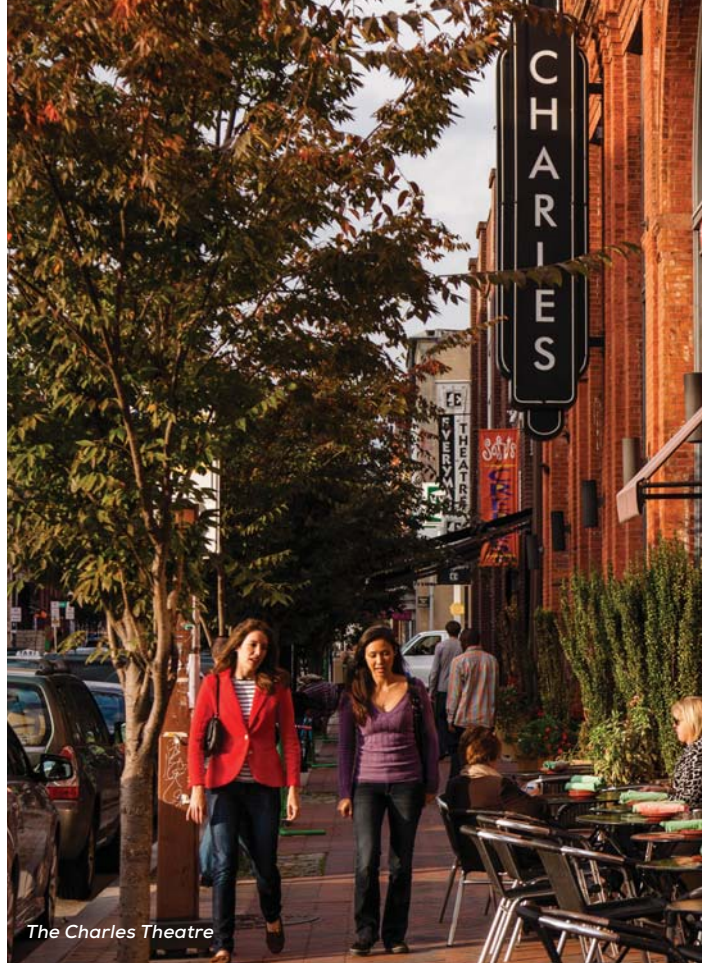


he instant gratification of streaming video may be great – but it can't hold a candle to the glamour of yesteryear's theaters. Baltimore has several historic cinemas that have retained their classic charm. In

Station North, the **Stavros Niarchos Foundation Parkway Theatre** (5 W. NORTH AVE.) combines its original Italianate architecture, which was restored in an \$18-million renovation in 2016, with modern programming that showcases a diverse selection of independent, international, documentary, classic and cult-favorite films.

Find similarly historic chops at the **Senator Theatre** (5904 YORK RD.), an Art Deco landmark near Belvedere Square that retains its original terrazzo flooring, sunburst decor detailing, gold screen curtain, and a "Walk of Fame" in the concrete outside the entrance. These days, the Senator screens modern classics like "The Princess Bride" and a small selection of new releases.

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that began showing movies in 1939. The theater has a rich history, including roots as a streetcar barn, a reincarnation as a dance hall, and later, as one of the first venues to screen early works by Baltimore native John Waters.

And on warm summer nights, catch one of Baltimore's free outdoor film screenings while sitting on a blanket under the stars. The American Visionary Art Museum's **Flicks from the Hill** (800 KEY HWY.) is kicking off with a sing-along version of "The Sound of Music." **Films on the Pier** pairs a waterfront breeze with screenings at the end of Broadway Pier in Fell's Point. **Pics in the Park** at Center Plaza (110 W. FAYETTE ST.) downtown offers screenings May through September.

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