

# CINEMAS & THEATRES

## CINEMAS

### GREATER UNION

Greater Union is a national cinema chain showing all recent commercial films.

Level 6, Westfield Shopping Centre, Bondi Junction

Infoline: (02) 9300 1555 or visit [www.greaterunion.com.au](http://www.greaterunion.com.au) (choose NSW then Bondi Junction)

Prices: Adults \$15, Children \$11. Tuesday is cheap movie night- all tickets \$8

### PALACE CINEMAS

Within short walking distance of each other, these sister cinemas specialise in foreign language, art-house, quality commercial, documentary and independent films. They also host annual Spanish, French, Italian and Mardi Gra film festivals.

#### **Palace Academy Twin**

3a Oxford St, Paddington

Infoline: (02) 9361 4453 or visit [www.palacecinemas.com.au](http://www.palacecinemas.com.au)

#### **Palace Verona Cinema**

17 Oxford St, Paddington

Infoline: (02) 9360 6099 or visit [www.palacecinemas.com.au](http://www.palacecinemas.com.au)

Prices: Adults \$15, Children \$9.50. Monday is cheap movie night- all tickets are \$9.50

### DENDY CINEMAS

Dendy is a similar style of cinema to the Palace (above), showing alternative but also quality mainstream films.

#### **Dendy Opera Quays**

Shop 9, East Circular Quay

Infoline: (02) 9247 3800 or visit [www.dendy.com.au](http://www.dendy.com.au)

#### **Dendy Newtown**

261-263 King St, Newtown

Infoline: (02) 9550 5699 or visit [www.dendy.com.au](http://www.dendy.com.au)

Prices: Adults \$14, Children \$9.50. Monday is cheap movie night- all tickets are \$9

## HAYDEN ORPHEUM PICTURE PALACE

The Hayden Orpheum is a 25 min drive from Bondi but it's worth a visit if you have the time or if you're heading to/from the north side of the city. It was built in 1935 and restored in 1987 by Theatre Historian John Love who was responsible for the entire restoration project -including replication of all art-deco fittings, colour schemes and lighting.. Give yourself enough time to enjoy a pre-movie drink in the old fashioned charm of the upstairs lounge.

380 Military Rd, Cremorne

Infoline: (02) 9908 4344 or visit [www.orpheum.com.au](http://www.orpheum.com.au)

Prices: Adults \$15.50, Children \$11. Tuesday is cheap movie night- Adults \$10.50, Children \$9

## SUMMER OPEN AIR CINEMAS

### **Bondi Open Air**

The Bondi Pavillion is home to Bondi's Open Air Cinema which runs throughout the summer months. With it's large outdoor screen and amphitheatre, you can enjoy a range of movies (recent, classic and documentary) in a casual outdoor setting. There is pre-show entertainment showcasing local bands and DJ's and a bar where you can purchase drinks and snacks. Ravesi's is in partnership with Bondi Open Air and guests of the hotel can enjoy complimentary passes. Notice is required. Please see the movie calendar in this compendium or visit [www.bondiopenair.com.au](http://www.bondiopenair.com.au)

### **Moonlight Cinema**

Moonlight cinema operates most nights in Centennial Park during the summer months. It's a popular night so be advised to book tickets or get there early. Unlike Bondi Open Air, there's no seating, you just claim your spot on the grass or hire a bean-bag to sit on. It's fun to take a picnic rug and esky with drinks and nibbles and make a night of it.

[www.moonlight.com.au](http://www.moonlight.com.au)

## THEATRES

### SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

This famous landmark houses a number of performance venues including the famous Concert Hall, the Opera Theatre, Drama Theatre, Playhouse, The Studio and Exhibition Hall. These venues showcase a diverse and dynamic range of both classical and contemporary creative arts.

Bennelong Point, Circular Quay

Infoline: (02) 9250 7111, Bookings: (02) 9251 7777 or visit [www.sydneyoperahouse.com](http://www.sydneyoperahouse.com)

Prices: vary, Capacity: Concert Hall= 2 100, Opera Theatre= 1 500, Drama Theatre= 544, Playhouse= 398, The studio= 220- 350, Exhibition Hall= 300 (standing)

### SYDNEY THEATRE COMPANY

The most established theatre company in Sydney- showcasing major Australian and International theatre talent.

Sydney Theatre Company has several venues:

**Wharf 1, Wharf 2 and Sydney Theatre.**

Headquarters is at Wharf 1, Pier 4 Hickson Rd, Walsh Bay and the other theatres are close by.

Bookings: (02) 9250 1777 or visit [www.sydneytheatre.com.au](http://www.sydneytheatre.com.au) or [www.sydneytheatre.org.au](http://www.sydneytheatre.org.au)

Prices: \$40- \$80, Capacity: Wharf 1= 320, Wharf 2= 200, Sydney Theatre= 850

### DARLINGHURST THEATRE

Consistently fresh, good quality plays. With a balcony bar and only 111 seats Darlinghurst offers one of the most intimate but relaxed and enjoyable Sydney theatre experiences.

For a pre-performance meal try Simone Logue around the corner at 2 Cross St, or for post-performance, Café Roma in Kellet St serves great Italian food until 3am.

19 Greenknowe Ave, Potts Point

Bookings: (02) 8356 9987 or visit [www.darlinghursttheatre.com](http://www.darlinghursttheatre.com)

Prices: \$20- \$30, Capacity: 111

### ENSEMBLE THEATRE

Established in 1958, the Ensemble Theatre, right over the harbour at Kirribilli, is Sydney's longest running professional theatre company. Patrons are invited to dine in the Waterside Restaurant before or after live theatre performances.

78 McDougall St, Kirribilli

Bookings: (02) 9929 0644 or visit [www.ensemble.com.au](http://www.ensemble.com.au)

Prices: \$32 - \$55, Capacity: 216

## BELVOIR STREET THEATRE

Established and run by artists, this theatre company (Company B) was founded with the purpose of creating innovative, contemporary and politically sharp Australian theatre. The result is a reputation for being 'radical' and 'experimental' but however surprising or diverse Belvoir plays may be, the passion for theatre and performance is overwhelmingly evident.

All shows are playing at the Seymour Centre due to renovations- until August 2006

Cnr City Rd and Cleveland St, Chippendale

Bookings: (02) 9699 3444 or visit [www.belvoir.com.au](http://www.belvoir.com.au)

Prices: \$40- \$50, Capacity:

## SWB STABLES THEATRE (run by Griffin Theatre Company)

The only theatre entirely dedicated to development and production of new Australian plays.

10 Nimrod St, Kings Cross

Bookings: 1300 306 776 or visit [www.griffintheatre.com.au](http://www.griffintheatre.com.au)

Prices: \$20- \$40, Capacity: seats 120

## STATE THEATRE

Since opening in 1929 the State Theatre has become one of Sydney's icons. As well as great shows, this theatre is worth a look purely for its interiors. It features fixtures and artworks by significant Australian artists including William Dobell and Charles Wheeler and their Koh-I-Nor cut crystal chandelier is the second largest in the world, weighing over four tonnes.

49 Market Street, City

Bookings: (02) 9373 6852 or visit [www.statetheatre.com.au](http://www.statetheatre.com.au)

Prices: \$20 - \$80, Capacity: 2000 seats