

Movie Monday Anniversary

by Jon Valentine

On June 14, 1993, a recently treated mental patient of Eric Martin Pavilion showed a film in their small 100-seat theatre.

The film was "Cannery Row," about an unlikely romance between a marine biologist and a wannabe-prostitute in a small town.

The attendance was a mere 17 souls, and the projection equipment was a bit klunky.

Now celebrating their seventh anniversary this June 12 with the inventive "Being John Malkovich," this project has now become a local institution (forgive the pun) and draws a consistently huge crowd every night.

Having also gained corporate sponsors, such as Sony of Canada, who helped Movie Monday get a high-tech video projector in its first year and received many service

awards, MM has also spawned other efforts — like the "Reel Madness Film Festival," a five-day fest focusing more on mental illness awareness.

Besides a free film on a big screen, and low-priced popcorn and munchies, MM has also been an artistic venue, including the odd live music.

It has also served as a forum for special discussions by people related to the films, such as filmmaker Atom Egoyan's parents who hosted question and answer sessions with the audience after such films as "Next Of Kin" and "Exotica."

Judy Tethong from the Canada Tibet Committee recently did a similar service for the

Tibetan film "Windhorse."

Show time is every Monday at 6:30 just behind the Eric Martin Sign on Fort Street.

For more info call 595-FLIC. Also check out the web site at <http://www.islandnet.com/mm>, or e-mail the founder Bruce Saunders at bruces@islandnet.com.

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Monday Movie founder Bruce Saunders is joined by Judy Tethong of the Canada Tibet Committee for the movie "Windhorse."