## MASS MoCA

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# MEET US AT THE AIRPORT Around the World in 80 Days



NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — Celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Around the World in 80 Days* as we screen this epic Academy Award-winning adventure film on the largest movie screen in all of New England — the door of an airplane hangar at the North Adams airport! We'll start the night with classic flight-themed shorts, balsa wood gliders, and hot coals... so come hungry. Lickety Split serves up hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, and ice cream as we settle in for this Technicolor caper under the stars. B.Y.O.C. (bring your own chair), but don't B.Y.O.B. (full bar on-site) and join us at North Adams' Harriman-West Airport on **Friday, July 1**, at **8:30pm**. Gates open at 7pm.

Around the World in 80 Days premiered in 1956 with an impressive cast of over forty Hollywood legends of the day, including Marlene Dietrich, David Niven, Shirley MacLaine, and Frank Sinatra. Filmed in brilliant Technicolor, the classic Jules Verne adventure story is a comedic hallmark of the late Hollywood studio system that featured many forgotten screen stars alongside big names of the 1950's. The film won five Academy Awards including Best Picture, and follows Phileas Fogg (David Niven), an English gentleman who wagers he can circumnavigate the globe in 80 days using all the modes of modern transport... of 1872. His trusted valet Passepartout, played by the Mexican comedian Cantinflas, accompanies him on the ensuing outrageous journey. This mad-dash caper is tailor made for pure family fun. Hot air balloon travel, anyone?

"Our movie at the airport is one of the most anticipated events of the year," MASS MoCA director and small-craft pilot Joseph Thompson notes. "People who love the airport — and people who are new to its charms — should pile into the car for the opportunity to grab a hot dog, check out the planes, and relax together with *80 Days*. The setting may be the most bucolic movie theater in the whole country."

Audience members are encouraged to come early to enjoy the great views and to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Admission is charged by the carload. Lickety Split serves up vintage drive-in fare — popcorn, ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, soft drinks, beer, and wine (no coolers are allowed). Balsa gliders are distributed to the first 100 kids.

Around the World in 80 Days screens on Friday, July 1, at 8:30pm. Gates for the event open at 7pm at North Adams' Harriman-West Airport on Route 2, next to Stop & Shop. Tickets are sold at the gate and are \$14 per car, \$7 for adults, and \$3 for kids under 12. The rain date for the event is Sunday, July 3.

#### **Images**

High-resolution images of MASS MoCA's summer 2016 events are available through this link: bit.ly/1WpMVOd.

### **Sponsorship**

This event is sponsored by Greylock Federal Credit Union.

#### **About MASS MoCA**

MASS MoCA is one of the world's liveliest (and largest) centers for making and enjoying today's most important art, music, dance, theater, film, and video. Hundreds of works of visual and performing art have been created on its 19th-century factory campus during fabrication and rehearsal residencies, making MASS MoCA among the most productive sites in the country for the creation and presentation of new art. More platform than box, MASS MoCA strives to bring to its audiences art experiences that are fresh, engaging, and transformative.

MASS MoCA's galleries are open from 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays through June 24, 2016. Beginning June 25, the galleries will be open 10am to 6pm every day, with extended evening hours to 7pm on Thursdays through Saturdays. The Hall Art Foundation's Anselm Kiefer exhibition is open seasonally, spring – fall. Gallery admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for veterans and seniors, \$12 for students, \$8 for children 6 to 16, and free for children 5 and under. Members are admitted free year-round. For additional information, call 413.662.2111 x1 or visit massmoca.org.