

As a transplant from Los Angeles who loves movies, particularly independent and international films, Salem Cinema has been such an important part of my life since moving to Salem 10 years ago. It is the only theater in Salem that shows movies that aren't just the generic blockbuster films. The owner, Loretta Miles, has an uncanny talent in selecting quality movies that make viewers think and feel on a profound level. The international films give us a view and perspective of life in countries outside the U.S. This is so critical in helping us create empathy and a connection to the larger world. Without it, we would have to drive to Portland to see these movies in a theater. Although some are available for streaming at home, nothing can replace the experience of seeing movies in a theater with fellow movie lovers. Salem Cinema's popcorn is the best, and those gourmet chocolate truffles are amazing - all part of the movie experience here! Please fund this local, cultural treasure. Our city would suffer such a loss without it.