

# What's At The Windsor

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The *Super Mario Galaxy Movie* will open nationwide with its first showings at the Windsor Theatre on Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 2, both at 7:00 p.m. The film will continue to run for two weeks.

The last showing of *Reminders of Him* will be the 2:00 PM matinee on Wednesday, April 1.

The *Super Mario Galaxy Movie* is an animated sequel following Mario and Luigi on an intergalactic adventure to protect the cosmos. While managing a miniaturized Bowser, the brothers team up with Princess Peach and newcomers Rosalina and Yoshi to stop Bowser Jr. from restoring his father.

The film stars an ensemble voice cast consisting of Chris Pratt, Anya Taylor-Joy, Charlie Day, Jack Black, and Keegan-Michael Key reprising their roles from the first film, with Benny Safdie, Donald Glover, and Brie Larson joining the cast.

Distributed by Universal Pictures, and produced by Illumination and Nintendo, the film is rated PG for action, mild violence and rude humor. Running time is 98 minutes.

**History of the Mario Bros. Franchise**

Mario made his debut in the 1981 arcade hit Donkey Kong, designed by Shigeru Miyamoto. Originally called "Jumpman," the character

was a carpenter tasked with rescuing a damsel from a giant ape.

Two years later, Nintendo expanded the character's role in Mario Bros., introducing his brother Luigi and establishing elements that would become franchise staples, including underground environments and cooperative gameplay.

The franchise reached new heights in 1985 with the release of Super Mario Bros. for the Nintendo Entertainment System. The game's side-scrolling design, memorable characters, and accessible gameplay helped redefine the industry.

At a time when the video game market was recovering from a major downturn, "Super Mario Bros." played a key role in revitalizing consumer interest and establishing Nintendo as a dominant force.

Throughout the late 1980s and early 1990s, Mario evolved into a full-fledged franchise. Titles such as Super Mario Bros. 3 and Super Mario World introduced new mechanics, characters, and expansive worlds.

Spin-offs like Dr. Mario and Super Mario Kart demonstrated the character's versatility, helping Mario reach audiences beyond traditional platforming fans.

In 1996, Nintendo again reshaped the gaming landscape with Super Mario 64. The title introduced players to fully realized 3D environments, offering unprecedented freedom of movement and exploration.



Subsequent releases, including Super Mario Sunshine and Super Mario Galaxy, continued to push creative boundaries with new gameplay mechanics and imaginative settings.

Today, Mario remains central to Nintendo's success. Recent titles such as Super Mario Odyssey and Super Mario Bros. Wonder showcase the franchise's continued innovation, while Mario Kart 8 Deluxe ranks among the best-selling games of all time.

The character continues to attract both long-term fans and new generations of players. Mario's reach now ex-

tends far beyond video games. The franchise has inspired television shows, merchandise, and films, including the 1993 live-action Super Mario Bros. and the blockbuster animated The Super Mario Bros. Movie.

Showtimes and Ticket Prices

Regular movie ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth age 16 and under. Seniors (60 and over) receive a discounted price of \$4 on Sundays. All tickets are \$4 for the Wednesday matinee and the Thursday evening show.

Regular showtimes are Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM, with matinees on Sunday at 1:00 PM and Wednesday at 2:00 PM. An additional show has been scheduled for Saturday at 11:00 AM.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door or online at [www.windsortheatre.com](http://www.windsortheatre.com). Credit cards are accepted.

**Upcoming Movies (Subject to Change)**

- April 17 – Project Hail Mary
- April 24 – The Pout-Pout Fish
- May 1 – The Devil Wears Prada 2 (2 weeks)

**Upcoming events**

- Hampton Old Time Country Hoedown, Monday, April 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Windsor Theatre
- Franklin County Ministerial Association's panel discussion, "Why Hope?"



Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 PM at the Windsor Theatre. Come with questions.

**Gift Options**

The Windsor Theatre offers several gift options for movie lovers. "Windsor Bucks" are available in \$5 and \$1 amounts for tickets or concessions. A \$100 Popcorn Card provides a free large popcorn and one refill each day through March 1, 2027, with no ticket required for concessions. Movie passes

cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth (16 and under), and a Punch Card offers 25 punches for \$20. Businesses or individuals can also sponsor a movie for \$300 and receive 100 tickets.

For more information or to contact the Windsor Theatre, visit [www.windsortheatre.com](http://www.windsortheatre.com) or call or text theatre manager Jim Davies at 641-425-4707.

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Wednesday matinee \$4  
Thursday \$4

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Visit [www.windsortheatre.com](http://www.windsortheatre.com) for details.  
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