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**CINEMA AT THE CENTER IN JANUARY:
*SINGIN' IN THE RAIN AND CHICAGO***

SUFFOLK, VA (January 3, 2018) Join Suffolk Tourism, in partnership with the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, as they proudly present two musical masterpieces at the Suffolk Center. *Singin' in the Rain* will be shown on Thursday, January 11, 2018, and *Chicago* will be shown on Thursday, January 25th. Both movies are FREE and will begin at 7 p.m. Visitors to "The Art of Cinema: 85 Years In The Making" Exhibit in the summer of 2017 had the chance to cast their vote for which two movies they would like to have shown at the Suffolk Center; *Singin' In The Rain* and *Chicago* received the top votes.

Singin' in the Rain is a 1952 American musical-romantic comedy film directed and choreographed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen, starring Kelly, Donald O'Connor, and Debbie Reynolds. It offers a lighthearted depiction of Hollywood in the late 1920s, with the three stars portraying performers caught up in the transition from silent films to "talkies." It has since been accorded legendary status by contemporary critics, and is frequently regarded as one of the best movie musicals ever made, often featuring on multiple lists of The Greatest Films Ever. Nominated for two Academy Awards, this film is 103 minutes and rated PG.

Chicago is a 2002 American musical crime comedy-drama film based on the stage musical of the same name, exploring the themes of celebrity, scandal, and corruption during the Jazz Age. *Chicago* centers on Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Roxie Hart (Renée Zellweger), two murderesses who find themselves on death row together and fight for the fame that will keep them from the gallows in 1920s Chicago. The film was critically lauded and nominated for 13 Academy Awards, winning Best Picture (the first musical to win Best Picture since 1968), Best Supporting Actress (Catherine Zeta Jones), Best Art Direction, Best Costume Design, Best Film Editing, and Best Sound. *Chicago* is 113 minutes and rated PG-13.

For those wishing to dine before the movie, Mosaic is offering a special price-fixed meal for \$15 per person (plus tax and gratuity), with the choice of a House Salad or Caesar Salad; Shrimp & Grits, Pork Tenderloin Chutney, Smothered Chicken, or Pasta Primavera; and a House Made Chef's Dessert.

For questions, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130, or log onto www.VisitSuffolkVa.com for details. You may also call the Suffolk Center at 757-923-0003, or visit www.SuffolkCenter.org.

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