

'Before Sunset' shares love story transpiring for a moment in time

The film reunites a pair of lovers viewers first met in the 1995 prequel

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The odds of making a sequel to a nine-year-old film that is hardly remembered today and having it be a success are pretty slim. But success seems to be the furthest thing from director Richard Linklater's mind in his latest film "Before Sunset," the sequel to his 1995 "Before Sunrise."

MOVIE REVIEW

For those unfamiliar with the first film, it concerned a chance meeting between an American and a French grad student aboard a train in Europe. They fall in love over the course of 14 hours in Vienna before she has to leave on a train bound for France. It ends with them promising to meet in Vienna later that winter.

"Before Sunset" finds them both meeting again in Paris further down the road. The American, Jesse (played by Ethan Hawke) is now a successful writer who is just wrapping up a European book tour. The French woman, Celine (Julie Delpy) works for an environmental organization. The film takes place in a shorter time frame

than the first film, as Jesse and Celine spend an afternoon together before Jesse has to catch a flight back home. This is not your typical romance, or even your typical film. The entire movie consists of Jesse and Celine's conversation, with practically nothing else happening during its 80-minute running time.

This might sound boring, but the intricacies of everyday conversation are something Linklater has specialized in since his earliest films. He has a way of turning the most meandering conversations into philosophical poetry while still making it sound so real that you could have heard it

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chance to milk a cow or bottle-feed 1-month old baby calves from Bonnevill Farms. In addition, the Wheeler Pavilion is devoted entirely to local Grange programs, and there are several competitions in which competitors vie for honors like best-dressed goat.

"We have about nine or ten animal departments, which are judged on quality and showmanship of the animals," Matsushita said.

New animal acts this year include the Desperado Horse Drill Team and a horse dancing competition, which is a freestyle event in which costumed horses and riders choreograph a routine to music of the rider's choice. Horse dancing will take place on Sunday, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Livestock Pavilion and the drill team will perform at 3 p.m. at the same location.

One of the fair's biggest draws is the nightly concerts on the Bi-Mart main stage. "One of the things that make the Lane County Fair so special is because we are able to bring some pretty outstanding names," Matsushita said. "Four of the five concerts sold out last year."

Don Leber, the director of advertising for Bi-Mart, made the decision to sponsor the Lane County Fair more than fifteen years ago. As a presenting sponsor, Bi-Mart brings all of the main stage artists — as well as a variety of different exhibits and performances — to the Lane County Fair.

"We used to be a daily sponsor, but now we're out there in a much bigger presence," Leber said. "It's one of the best ways to give back to the community that supports us."

Rising country star Joe Nichols will open the concert series on Tuesday, followed by the Doobie Brothers on Wednesday and the Temptations, featuring Dennis Edwards, on Thursday. Country singer/songwriter Chris LeDoux performs Friday and country singer JoDee Messina performs on Saturday while George Thorogood and the Destroyers close the fair on Sunday, Aug. 22.

For kids of all ages, new family entertainment will come to the Weyerhaeuser Kids' Park. Performances by magician Dave Womach, comedy duo Brothers from Different Mothers and Wondertainment — educational

children's shows featuring exotic birds and their habitats — are all new attractions at this year's fair. The Kids' Park will also feature several new exhibits: the OMSI Science Festival Exhibit every day of the fair, the Oregon Coast Aquarium display "Marvelous Marine Mammals" on Thursday, and the Dorris Ranch exhibit presenting the Lewis and Clark "Core of Discovery" artifacts Friday through Sunday.

For the first time in its history, the fair will bring world-famous sand sculptors to create sand art in front of the Events Center for the duration of the fair. On Thursday, the weekly Farmers' Market will be held at the fair in the Community Courtyard. The Cumulus Caribbean Breeze Entertainment Stage will be returning for the second time, offering the best in local music, Caribbean-style food and beverages, and a dance area.

The Lane County Fair will also feature its third annual talent show in which performers 15 and younger or 16 and up can compete against their peers for a chance to enter the finals at the Oregon State Fair. The show will be held on the Bi-Mart stage; preliminaries will take place on Thursday and Friday, and finals will be held on Sunday.

A fair isn't a fair without rides, and over 30 carnival rides await patrons. A wide array of traditional and unorthodox fair cuisine will be offered as well. Vendors this year include Cordy's Country Barbeque, Elephant Ears, Jumbo Burrito, Beta Alpha Corn, Ben & Jerry's, Hawaiian Shaved Ice, Thai Pepper and Wild Duck Pizza. Shoppers can enjoy over 180 commercial exhibits featuring everything from crafts to temporary tattoos.


This year marks the 120th birthday of the Lane County Fair, and patrons can come celebrate with cake and ice cream at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, at the Community Courtyard.

The fair will be open every day starting at 11 a.m.. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. Admission for adults 16 and older is \$8 and \$6 for children between the ages of 6 and 15; kids under 5 get in free. Season passes are available for \$12 in advance and \$15 the week of the fair at any Bi-Mart store. Concert tickets cost an additional \$8.50 through \$18.50 and are available at any TicketsWest location.

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