

# MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE

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## WINTER RECESS FAMILY FUN AT MOMI WITH MUPPETS, MIYAZAKI, AND MEDIA-MAKING ACTIVITIES

**Open daily December 22 through January 1, except for Christmas Day (Please note early closings on December 24 and 31)**

Astoria, Queens, New York, December 4, 2018—This winter recess, from December 22, 2018 through January 1, 2019, Museum of the Moving Image will present daily matinee screenings of ***A Muppet Family Christmas and More***, the 1987 Jim Henson holiday TV special presented with a short compilation of additional Henson holiday moments. The screening will be accompanied by drop-in **activities including art making and animation** around winter-themed special effects, puppet-making, and more. The Museum will also present three big-screen showings of ***Howl's Moving Castle***, the Hayao Miyazaki-directed animated feature in which a young woman and a wizard set out to undo a curse with the help of enchanted creatures and a walking castle. Two screenings will be presented dubbed in English, with one in Japanese with English subtitles. All programs are posted online at [movingimage.us/winter-recess](http://movingimage.us/winter-recess).

Museum admission (\$15 adults / \$11 seniors and students / \$9 youth ages 3–17) includes a ticket for “*A Muppet Family Christmas and More*” screening. Families are also welcome to explore exhibitions, including *The Jim Henson Exhibition*. All programs are free for Museum members at the Film Lover and MoMI Kids Premium levels and above. For more information about membership, visit [www.movingimage.us/support/membership](http://www.movingimage.us/support/membership).

Holiday Hours: The Museum will be closed Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day), but open every other day from December 22 through January 1. Please note the following early closings: Monday, December 24, 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Monday, December 31, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In addition, leading into winter recess, as part of its ongoing family matinees, the Museum will screen ***The Nightmare Before Christmas*** (Dec 8 and 9) and ***A Christmas Carol*** (1938) (Dec 15 and 16). See the full Family Matinees schedule at [movingimage.us/family-matinees](http://movingimage.us/family-matinees).

### WINTER RECESS FAMILY FUN SCHEDULE, DEC. 22, 2018–JAN 1, 2019

All programs take place at the Museum, located at 36-01 35 Ave, Astoria, New York, 11106. Screenings will be presented in the Sumner M. Redstone Theater or the Celeste

and Armand Bartos Screening Room. The full schedule is posted online at [www.movingimage.us/winter-recess](http://www.movingimage.us/winter-recess)

### **Winter Recess Family Drop-In Activities**

Saturday, December 22–Sunday, December 23, 11:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

Monday, December 24, 11:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 26–Tuesday, January 1, 11:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M.

*Recommended for ages 4+*

Come in from the cold and take a break from the holidays with MoMI's Winter Recess drop-in activities. Activities include creating winter-themed special effects, animation, puppet-making and more. **Free with Museum admission. No reservations necessary.**

### ***A Muppet Family Christmas and More!***

Saturday, December 22–Tuesday, January 1 (except December 25), daily at 11:00 A.M.

*Recommended for ages 4+*

Among the many holiday programs created by Jim Henson, *A Muppet Family Christmas* (1987, 52 mins.) holds a very special place in the hearts of Muppet fans, as it unites the Muppet characters, the Fraggles (including Doc & Sprocket) and *Sesame Street* characters in one big family reunion. In addition to a complete, uncut version of the show, this program includes a compilation of some memorable moments from other Henson holiday productions. **Free with Museum admission (Advance reservations available online).**

### ***Howl's Moving Castle***

Wednesday, December 26 at 1:00 P.M. (English dubbed)

Thursday, December 27, 1:00 P.M. (In Japanese with English subtitles)

Friday, December 28 at 1:00 P.M. (English dubbed)

*Recommended for ages 8+*

Dir. Hayao Miyazaki. 2005, 119 mins. DCP. Featuring the voices of Christian Bale, Jean Simmons, Emily Mortimer, Lauren Bacall. Loosely based on Diana Wynn Jones's novel, Studio Ghibli and Hayao Miyazaki created a world filled with witches and curses where a young woman, Sophie, is turned into an old woman by a curse and a castle has legs! Sophie meets Howl, a wizard who is also cursed, and his castle filled with an odd assortment of friends that become family. Together they must try to undo their curses and find self-acceptance.

**Tickets: \$15 (\$11 seniors and students / \$9 youth (ages 3–17) / free for children under 3 and Museum members at the Film Lover and Kids Premium levels and above). Tickets include Museum admission and access to the Winter Recess Family Drop-In Activities.**

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## **MUSEUM INFORMATION**

**Museum of the Moving Image** ([movingimage.us](http://movingimage.us)) advances the understanding, enjoyment, and appreciation of the art, history, technique, and technology of film, television, and digital media. In its stunning facility—acclaimed for both its accessibility and bold design—the Museum presents exhibitions; screenings of significant works; discussion programs featuring actors, directors, craftspeople, and business leaders; and education programs which serve more than 50,000 students each year. The Museum also houses a significant collection of moving-image artifacts.

Hours: Wed–Thurs, 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Fri, 10:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Sat–Sun, 10:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Museum Admission: \$15 adults; \$11 senior citizens (ages 65+) and students (ages 18+) with ID; \$9 youth (ages 3–17). Children under 3 and Museum members are admitted free. Admission to the galleries is free on Fridays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Film Screenings: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and as scheduled. Unless otherwise noted, tickets: \$15 adults, \$11 students and seniors, \$9 youth (ages 3–17), free or discounted for Museum members (depending on level of membership). Advance purchase is available online. Ticket purchase may be applied toward same-day admission to the Museum’s galleries.

Location: 36-01 35 Avenue (at 37 Street) in Astoria.

Subway: M or R to Steinway Street. N or W to 36 Ave or Broadway.

Program Information: Telephone: 718 777 6888; Website: [movingimage.us](http://movingimage.us)

Membership: <http://movingimage.us/support/membership> or 718 777 6877

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