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Carolina Theatre at Belk Place presents "Movies Under the Stars" this Summer

CHARLOTTE—(June 23, 2016)—This summer, Carolina Theatre at Belk Place will celebrate its history at "Movies Under the Stars" – a four-part outdoor film series, presented in conjunction with Charlotte City Center Partners and Foundation For The Carolinas.

The series – which will be shown in the Carolina Theatre Pocket Park on the corner of North Tryon and Sixth Street – runs on Thursday nights, July 21-Aug. 11. Each movie will feature entertainment and vendors selling "movie snacks," starting at 7:30 p.m. The movies begin at 8:30 p.m. All films are free and open to the public, and moviegoers are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs to sit on.

Julie Andrews' beloved musical "The Sound of Music" kicks things off on July 21, followed by Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller "Rear Window" (July 28), Stanley Kubrick's groundbreaking "2001: A Space Odyssey" (Aug. 4) and Elvis' hip-swiveling hit "Jailhouse Rock" (Aug. 11).

The film series highlights the history of the classic Charlotte movie theatre, with each film picked to highlight an aspect of the theatre's past. "The Sound of Music," for instance, ran at the Carolina Theatre for a record-breaking 79 weeks, while both Elvis Presley and Jimmy Stewart made appearances there.

For more information on the film series, visit www.fftc.org/carolina-theatre.

About Carolina Theatre at Belk Place

Built in 1927, the historic Carolina Theatre was Charlotte's prominent performance venue and movie house for five decades. Foundation For The Carolinas is currently renovating the long-vacant theatre as a venue for performances, lectures, films, town hall meetings and civic engagement. The theatre will be the center of a broader collection of venues, named Belk Place, designed to serve as a hub for philanthropy and civic engagement. The project is expected to be completed in 2018-19.

About Charlotte Center City Partners

Charlotte Center City Partners envisions and implements strategies and actions to drive the economic, social and cultural development of Charlotte's Center City. The organization's vision is to help create a viable, livable, memorable, and sustainable Center City with modern infrastructure, a tapestry of unique neighborhoods, and a diversity of thriving businesses. For complete information about Charlotte Center City Partners, visit <u>www.charlottecentercity.org</u>.