

'Movies At Center' Program To Resume Friday

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The "Movies at the Center" program resumes at 8 p.m. Friday with the showing of *The Insider*.

Now in its ninth season of offering quality big screen movies, the series was created to fill a gap in the cultural life of the community.

Paul Schmidt of Uniplex Cinemas Inc. produces the service for the Reg Lenna Civic Center and uses a film selection criteria similar to those at the Uniplex Chautauqua Cinema at Chautauqua Institution.

Movies shown are current releases, which have a particular artistic or topical merit. Writing,

acting and character development are favored over action and special effects and films that have received critical acclaim and won nominations or awards are featured.

The Insider received five Golden Globe award nominations, including best film. It stars Russell Crowe, who was nominated for best actor, as a real-life tobacco company scientist who went public with his knowledge of nicotine's addictive effects.

Al Pacino co-stars as the *60 Minutes* producer who helped him make the story public. The film was directed by Michael Mann.

In addition to Friday's showing, there will be a midweek screening at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Other movies planned for the series include: *American Beauty*, Jan. 15 and 18, which was nominated for six Golden Globes; *Autumn Tale*, Jan. 29 and Feb. 1, a gentle romantic comedy set in France's Rhone wine-making district; *Music of the Heart*, Feb. 5 and 8, is the true story of State College at Fredonia graduate Roberta Guaspari, who created an innovative violin program in three East Harlem schools and then saved it from being cut from the

budget by having her pupils perform with Isaac Stern and Itzhak Pearlman.

The two violinists play themselves in the movie. *Happy Texas*, Feb. 11 and 15, is a new comedy about two harmless chain-gang escapees posing as beauty pageant consultants in a small Texas town.

"Movies at the Center" are scheduled almost weekly throughout the winter months.

They are usually shown on Fridays or Saturdays and the following Tuesday.

A program guide is available at the theater. For more information, call 484-7070.