



*In order to best serve our patrons who are deaf or hard of hearing, we will be presenting select films with open captioning during Wednesday matinees.*

### **WHAT IS OPEN CAPTIONING?**

Open captioning is a text display of words and sounds heard during an event. The display is positioned in such a way that it is open for anyone to see in our theaters. It is considered passive assistance, a service that is there to use or ignore.

### **WHO IS IT FOR?**

Open captioning is a service provided for people with hearing disabilities who use assistive listening devices, hearing aids, cochlear implants, sign language and lip reading. About 10-15% of the population is hard of hearing or deaf.

We understand that captioning can be distracting for those who do not use it, but we are committed to making The Bijou Art Cinemas a welcoming community space for everyone. If you do not use the captions, we appreciate your consideration for those who do.

### **IMPROVING ACCESS**

The Bijou Art Cinemas is proud to announce that matinees screening on Wednesdays will be shown with open captions (when available). This is a trial program which is part of our efforts to help our patrons who are deaf and hard of hearing better enjoy our films.