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Summer in Montreal is alive with the sound of music, of course, courtesy of the jazz fest and an array of other events — but it’s also alive with movies.

In what has become a tradition of the season in our city, parks and squares around town host free outdoor screenings of some very fine films. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, beverages and snacks, show up around sunset and enjoy spending an evening outside and catching a flick at the same time.

Here’s a glimpse at some of the many films screening around Montreal over the next couple of months.

Cinéma sous les étoiles (cinemasouslesetoiles.org) offers 60 screenings at 18 parks and public spaces through Aug. 30. The 10th edition of the series presents engaged documentaries on topics both local and international.

Yours in Sisterhood (July 16 at 9 p.m., Parc du Pélican): Irene Lusztig plays with the documentary form, getting hundreds of people of diverse ages and backgrounds to read letters written to Ms. magazine in the 1970s, providing a window onto the past, present and future of feminism.

Coby (July 29 at 8:45 p.m., Cabot Square): French director Christian Sonderegger follows Susanna, living in a small town in the American Midwest, in the transition to become a man. Premièred at Cannes in 2017.

Do You Trust This Computer? (Aug. 7 at 8:45 p.m., Parc Laurier): American filmmaker Chris Paine (Who Killed the Electric Car?) looks at the potential and the dangers of artificial intelligence, via a range of interview subjects including Elon Musk.

Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance (Aug. 8 at 8:45 p.m., Parc Molson): Alanis Obomsawin’s 1993 documentary on the Oka Crisis, based on 78 days the filmmaker spent behind the barricades.

Anthropocene (Aug. 21 at 8:30 p.m., Parc Tottlehurst): Edward Burtynsky, Nicholas de Pencier and Jennifer Baichwal’s visually stunning survey of the environmental emergency affecting the planet.