

I have been seeing independent movies that no other theater shows in Salem since 2004 at the LOCAL Salem Cinema. At times only one or two theaters in Oregon are showing these films. It is owned by a sole owner, Loretta Miles who is a devoted movie fan. She has struggled and had community support to expand from one screen to three and convert to digital equipment through community support and donations. It is an entertainment gem for the city of Salem. The owner has done everything possible to stay in business though the covid crisis. How any small business owner can stay alive when shut down by government order for over a year without help is amazing. Please do not let these small businesses like Salem Cinema fail because of Covid. They can never be replaced. The city of Salem will be a poorer place without such an outstanding venue for independent films. When I mention Salem to others who do not live here, I always mention Salem Cinema for one of the reasons to come here. To see a business like this go under through no fault of their own would be a real shame.

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