

ARTHOUSE CINEMAS IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Now that Downing Film Center is closing, we'd like to suggest alternative theaters that play Independent Films, Foreign Movies, Documentaries, and National Theater. Some might be a bit of a drive, but you could make it a date evening or an adventure with dinner in a new location followed by a movie.

Listed are theaters I've been to and I'm sure there are others I'm not aware of. I'll put the driving distance from Downing Film Center and some notes if I think of anything that might be of interest to someone.

~ **ROSENDALE THEATER, 408 Main St., 845 658 8989.** in the village of **Rosendale, NY**, about 15-20 minutes from the town of New Paltz. A funky little town that seems inhabited by an older hippie crowd. Easy Parking. The theater has the usual arthouse presentations and also has Live theatre. There's a vegan restaurant you might be interested in trying a few doors away from the theater. There are also several restaurants in the neighboring town of High Falls. On the drive down Rt. 32 from New Paltz to Rosendale you might like to take a very quick detour onto Rt. 213 to visit an old covered wooden bridge, Perrine's Bridge (1835) if you like visiting that type of thing.

* Approximate driving time from Downing Film Center per MapQuest: 40 min., 30miles.

~ **UPSTATE FILMS, 6415 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck, NY. 845 876 2521.** Lots of impressive restaurants in this trendy town with a great book store, 2-3 candy shops, and a variety of gift shops for browsing.

* Approximate driving time from Downing Film Center per MapQuest: 50 min., 34 miles.

~ **TIME & SPACE LIMITED, 434 Columbia St., Hudson, NY. 518 8228100.** Great movies, National Theater/ Operas/ Documentaries. A distance but it was well worth it for me.

* Approximate driving time from Downing Film Center: 1 hr. 13 min, 66 miles.

~ **JACOB BURNS FILM CENTER, 364 Manville Rd., Pleasantville, NY 914 747 5555.** Terrible parking is what I remember. It's been a while since I've been there. Maybe it's different now.

* Approximate time from Downing Film Center: 53min., 38 miles.

~ **THE MOVIEHOUSE, 48 Main St., Millerton, NY. 518 789 0022.** WOW. There's a number of large, interesting Antique Shops in this town for browsing. There were also nice gift shops, galleries, and restaurants when I was there. Besides movies, The Moviehouse has National Theater, Operas, Documentaries.

* Approximate time from Downing Film Center: 1 hr. 8 min., 56 miles.

~ **UPSTATE FILMS SAUGERTIES** – Upstate Films in Saugerties. I've never been to this one so I'm going to let you google the info on that theater by yourself.

Please explore these Arthouse Theaters. If the distance is far, plan to make a day of it or date night with dinner at a local restaurant or browsing or sightseeing. You know that a chance to see the type of fare offered at Art Theaters is usually worth it for an unusual, interesting experience. Google theaters, restaurants, and local points of interest. Support Independent, Non-Profit Art Cinemas.

** Story Time Theater in Beacon, I hear, has changed owners again and no longer offers the type of Art Films that they had for a short while and which these other theaters still run.*

** Again, Thank You All for the 17 years we had together at Downing Film Center. Good luck in new adventures.*