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# HOT MOVIES



By Danica

Students have a lot of homework to do, so sometimes they watch movies in order to relax. I always watch at least one movie every month because I am so tired after I pass an EPP level. I think not only students but also other people need to see movies.

Do you know when the first movie was produced? The first movie was produced more than 100 years ago; it was about a train. People were very excited and nervous about watching the movie. When the train in the movie was being driven, the audiences were so surprised that some of them ran out of the theatre. Nowadays, I think nobody would run out of the theatre when they see something new in a movie.

Why do we like to watch movies? We watch movies in order to feel relaxed, and watching movies is a fun way to use our free time. Generally, children like to watch cartoon movies, young people like to watch action and love movies, and older people maybe like to watch art movies.

I think many people are interested in movies now, so I will introduce some recent movies to you. First, I will say something about "The Lord of The Rings 2: The Two Towers". Maybe many people have already seen it, but I would still like to introduce this movie because it was a successful movie. You will see some grand war scenes if you watch the movie, and you will feel very excited during the action scenes, especially young guys. Many girls like the main actor because he is very handsome. "X' men 2" is a good science movie, and the story is also good. Some other good movies to watch are "25 Hours", "Kangaroo Jack", "Shanghai Knight", "Just Married", and "The Hours".

There have been some good movies shown recently in Vancouver. Although most people enjoy them, maybe many international students who are from China also like to see Chinese movies. They sometimes rent

VCDs with Chinese movies or download Chinese movies from the internet. Therefore, I would like to introduce a movie that is very popular in China. Its name is "Hero". When you see the actors and actresses' names in the movie, you will be surprised because these actors and actresses are very famous such as Jet Li, Maggie Cheung, Zhang Ziyi, and Donnie Yen, and it is difficult to gather these famous actors and actresses to act in one movie, but the director----Zhang Yimou did it!



Mr. Tom Cruise

Some people also like movie stars. Therefore, I would like to say something about two movie stars. First, Tom Cruise, a famous Hollywood star was born on July 3, 1962 in Syracuse, NY. He acted in his first movie in 1981 that was "Endless Love". And then, he acted in many movies such as "Top Gun", "Born on the Fourth of July", and "The Firm". Second, Maggie Q is a very beautiful and sexy star who is an American-Vietnamese, and she is one of the hottest rising stars in Hong Kong. She is successful for being a model and actress, and she acted in many movies: "Model From Hell", "Gen Y Cops", "Manhattan Midnight", and "Rush Hour 2".



Ms. Maggie Q

Today, we can watch different movies that are produced in different countries, so we can learn something about other countries such as their customs, education systems, and people's views about the world.

All in all, movies are very important for us because we can have a good thing to do in our free time, and we can learn a lot of useful information. I believe that although movies are great now, they will be even better in the future.





By shuo

## Enjoying your movie life

**D**id you see the movie <gone with the wind>? I have seen this movie more than 8 times. Of course, it's a love story. Let me tell you why I love this movie so much.

Starring: Clark gable, Vivien Leigh, Leslie Howard, Olivia de Havilland, Hattie McDaniel  
Director: Victor Fleming  
Writer: Sidney Howard  
Studio: G  
Runtime: 3h 42m  
Year: 1939



Movies have existed for a long time. They have become a huge part of our lives. People learn a lot from movies about history, science, and general knowledge. A good movie can change the world. <Gone with the wind> is one of the most famous movies ever made. It reflected not only the values the 21st century but also the meaning of life and love. People were moved so deeply by this movie that they will never stop loving this film.

If you are an international student, you really need to see movies in English because it's a good way to learn English. There is usually a movie for everyone. You can choose from many types of movies such as action, nature, love story, comedy, horror, biography, science, cartoon, detective, tragedy, documentaries and moral movies!

### Tickets and price.

You can get tickets from the theater or through the Internet. If you go to the theater, you can get the tickets from the ticket office or ticket machine. You also can check the movie list from the ticket machine. These days movie prices have really

gone up. Here's a list of movie prices.

Monday	-----	Friday	Before	6:00	\$7.50
Monday	-----	Friday	After	6:00	\$13.50
Saturday	-----	Sunday	Before	6:00	\$8.50
Saturday	-----	Sunday	After	6:00	\$14.50

Another way to see movies is by downloading them from the Internet. In my view, downloading movies from the Internet is an easy and good way to save money. Here, I will suggest some movie web sites to you. Usually, downloading a movie takes about only 30min on these web sites. Sometimes, you only need 2-3min to download a movie.

<http://www.imdb.com/> (English web)  
<http://www.hollywood.com/> (English web)

Owning a video, also is a good way to see the movies. In addition, you can see the same movie



many times. This is a good way for international students to improve their English. They can listen to the words clearly and try their best to understand all the words in the movie! I am an international student, and I go to Metrotown theater every week. When I first arrived in Vancouver, I was afraid to talk with others. Two weeks later, I saw my first movie in Vancouver. I began to try my best to imitate what I had heard. Then, I realized if I want to improve my English, seeing a movie is really a good way!

In addition, it is not very expensive to see movies in Vancouver. You can check the times and prices, then choose the movie that you like. I think if international students watch a lot of movies, they will be able to speak English better.

The Chinese New Year is coming now, so I am very happy. I decided to give all the international students at KGC a present; a chance to see a movie called "Pretty Mother". Although it's a Chinese movie, it has already been translated into several languages. It's a moral movie. The movie tells us a sentimental story. In a small town in northeast China, a deaf baby changed the prospects of a happy family. The husband left home because he could not endure the mental and economic pressure. Then, the mother had to take

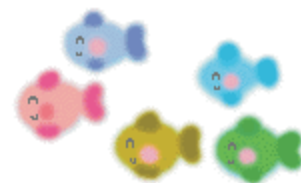
care of her baby by herself, and she had to quit her job and could work only part-time. In order to cure her baby's illness, she sold all the valuable family possessions. She took her son from place to place and from winter to summer to see a doctor. However, she found no cure for her son's disease, and then



From movie <pretty mother>

she began to teach her son how to understand words from gestures and lips (sign language). When her son was 7 years old, he was admitted to primary school; a key school in the region. Except for her son, all the students in the school were normal. At the end of the movie, on the screen, the mother stood in the wind and waved to her son, who was going into the school. Owing to undernourishment and exhaustion, she had become a bag of bones, with a wrinkled face, and looked ten years older than her age. However, I think she was the most beautiful woman and the greatest mother. If you want to see this movie, you can download it from the Internet, and watch it in English.

I'm writing this article to tell you please enjoy your movie life in Vancouver. Watching movies will provide international students with a world of entertainment and knowledge. Happy viewing!



# Korean singer, BoA & Canadian singer, Avril Lavigne.

By Hyun-Joo, Kim

**H**i~ everyone. I'm Hyun-Joo, Kim, and I'm studying in EPP level 6 class. Since I came to Canada, I have studied in KGC in order to go to BCIT. Before I came to Canada, I just knew one Canadian singer 'Celine Dion'. However, after I came to Canada, I could learn about lots of Canadian singers such as Shania Twain, Avril Lavigne, and so on. I wonder whether Canadian people know many Korean singers. I would like to introduce a famous Korean singer "BoA" to you and I also would like to introduce a famous Canadian Singer "Avril Lavigne" to you. I chose these two singers because they have similar characteristics such as their ages, success, and so on.

## ~BoA

BoA who is sixteen years old is a famous singer in Korea. On August 25<sup>th</sup> 2000, she made her first debut. The first time, I saw her on T.V, I was surprised because she was very skilled at dancing and singing although this was her first stage show. I think her debut was very lucky for her. When her brother tried to be a singer, the producer who would later make BoA's album asked "Do you have a younger sister?". After a few days, the producer met BoA, and she was given a try out, and then she was chosen by a producer. While she was dancing and singing, the producer considered her to be a talented singer. After she was chosen by the producer, she trained for two years. BoA was born in Seoul, Korea in 1986. Although BoA is a very famous singer, she still is a nice and cute girl. Her hobbies include going shopping, singing and dancing. Her favorite fashion styles are hip-hop and casual. She has long brown hair and black eyes. Her family includes her parents and two older brothers.

Nowadays, BoA is really popular in Korea and Japan. Last year, her song 'Listen to my heart' was on top of the Oricon Chart, a famous Japanese music list. Her popular songs are 'ID: Peace B' 'Listen to my heart', 'Amazing kiss', 'No.1', 'Miracle', 'Every Heart', and so on. Although she is a very young girl, she has accomplished many things, for example she already has produced four albums in Korea and seven single hits albums in Japan. I hope she will become popular through out the world.

[www.smtown.com](http://www.smtown.com)



[www.entica.com](http://www.entica.com)-BoA's picture



[www.entica.com](http://www.entica.com)-Nice BoA



<http://avclub.co.to>- Avril's acting play



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## ~Avril Lavigne

Avril Lavigne who is eighteen years old is a very famous singer in Canada, the United States, and Europe. She is a French-Canadian. Her father's name is 'John Lavigne', and Her mother's name is 'Judy'.

She has an older brother 'Matt', and a younger sister 'Michelle'. Avril was born in Napanee, Ontario, Canada in 1984. She has long blonde hair and blue-green eyes. Her hobbies include making music, skate boarding, and singing. Avril's favorite music performer is 'Alanis Morissette' and, nowadays Avril is called 'a little Alanis'. Her favorite clothes brand is Dicies. While I was researching this article, I learned about her personal life. She has liked singing since she was two years old, and she had joined a choir by the time she was ten years old. After she turned ten, she enjoyed singing alone instead of joining a choir. When she was a young girl, she made a video tape that included her acting play. After a producer "Peter" saw her video tape, he suggested she become a singer. The first time she went to New York city, she was excited because she was writing professional songs. While she was writing songs in New York city, Alista and Antonio LA Reid who is the owner of an entertainment company suggested that she contract with his company. Certainly, the owner recognized her to be a talented singer. I also think she is really skilled at singing and writing songs. Her popular songs are 'Complicated', 'sk8er boi', 'I'm with you' and so on. Nowadays, she is a really popular in Canada, the U.S., and Europe. She also will be popular in Korea. On January 27<sup>th</sup> in 2003, she will do a concert in Seoul. I hope she will become even more popular in the future. [www.avril-lavigne.com](http://www.avril-lavigne.com)

While I was writing this article, I thought Korean people know some Canadian singers ; however, Canadian people don't know many Korean singers. I think Canadian singers are dynamic and energetic, and Korean singers also offer a lot to their fans. If Canadian people hear Korean songs, they will be interested in Korean songs because Korean songs are dynamic, exciting, and offer their own style of music and dance. I hope many Canadian people will learn about Korean singers and come to be fans of Korean singers.