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Culzean's newly restored Fountain Court ready for first events

The first events for over a decade take place on Fountain Court in front of the National Trust for Scotland's property, Culzean Castle. Two outdoor cinema screenings take place towards the end of April.

A new drainage system has been installed allowing the area to become a suitable stage for public events once again. The installation work has now been completed and the Trust team at Culzean are getting ready for the screenings of Beauty & the Beast sing-a-long and Disney's Scottish tale, Brave which will be shown in the idyllic setting of Fountain Court, with Culzean Castle acting as the perfect backdrop.

Gareth Clingan, Operations Manager Culzean Castle and Country Park said: "We are really looking forward to welcoming visitors to our first Fountain Court events. It's such a great location – we hope that the castle doesn't distract viewers from the onscreen action."

The repair and restoration of Fountain Court was carried out last year as part of a major programme of works at the conservation charity's Ayrshire estate. The £2.5 million which transformed the entrance to the estate, created new all-abilities trails, saw the opening of Wild Woodland for younger visitors and introduced a new trailer transport system to help visitors explore the estate's many treasures.

Beauty and Beast sing-a-long will be screened on 27 April and Brave on 28 April, both screenings will start at 19:30. Online booking is recommended – visit www.nts.org.uk for tickets and prices.

There will be a large space to bring your own seating, blankets and pillows. Cinema goers are advised to arrive early to get the best spot.

A bar and food stall will be available on both nights and there is also the option to upgrade and become a VIP for the evening for a truly memorable experience.

VIP tickets include front row seats, hire of vintage deck chair, prosecco & a hot dog.

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