

## TV Series:

Granite Flats (2013 – 2015)

Family adventure & mystery series with Magna as one of the main locations for filming. All episodes and many related videos are available for free online viewing. A BYU-TV production.

Everwood (2002 – 2006)

Family drama with at least parts of some episodes filmed in and near Magna. Included many young actors who went on to have strong careers.

Touched by an Angel (1994 – 2003)

Several episodes were filmed in Magna over the years. Especially interesting is the series finale, a 2 hour story arc titled "I Will Walk With You."

The Stand (1994)

TV mini-series & movie from a Stephen King novel had some scenes shot in and near Magna, where the film makers were able to find local settings to simulate a wide variety of states and types of landscapes.

## What else?

There are now more ways than ever to make films. Online video sharing outlets such as YouTube, Vimeo, Vine and more, along with image & sound editing software make it possible for almost anyone to make and share a film. Time will tell who will create the next project to add to this list.

## Documentary Films:

Our Inland Sea (2010)

Fun-loving documentary with plenty of images, history and folklore about the Great Salt Lake. Includes sections on the resorts near Magna, past and present.

Desert Empire (1948)

Newsreel style travel film with rare scenes on local mining & ore processing, plus vintage footage at Saltair and the nearby beaches.

Electric Rails of Utah (2005)

Modern historical documentary including old and new footage about the Garfield & Western Railroad which once connected Magna to SLC and to other west-side mining districts.

Various mining and historical films:

There have been several films made examining local and regional mining history, or focusing on companies tied to that part of Magna's identity. Distribution and availability of these is unpredictable.

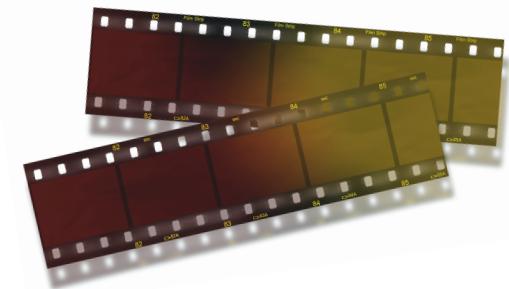
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*This is the first draft of the "Movies Made in Magna" list, prepared for a seminar on the subject presented in 2014 by the Magna Arts Council and hosted by the Magna Library.*

*We welcome additions or corrections, which may be updated periodically at:*

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# Movies Made In Magna



More than 20  
films, tv series  
& videos filmed  
in and around  
Magna, Utah.

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by the Magna Arts Council  
in September 2014.

## **Feature Films:**

*Most are (or were) available on DVD, and a few can be viewed online.*

### **2015? Wild Horses**

Director Robert Duvall led a star-filled cast in this tale of people having to deal with new problems when an old crime is revealed.

### **2015? The Man on Carrion Road**

Two feuding small town sheriffs must try to save their community after a violent drug deal.

### **2009 Dadnapped ( rated TV-G )**

Fun family film shot mostly in Magna, especially on Main Street around the Empress Theater. A Daddy/Daughter vacation is interrupted when the father, a popular author, is taken and needs her to rally his young fans to rescue him.

### **2009 S. Darko ( R )**

Dark Fantasy follow-up to "Donnie Darko" has a memorable visual style, especially in some night time dream sequences on Magna's Main Street.

### **2007 American Pastime ( PG? )**

Historical fiction about internees in the WWII Japanese Internment Camp "Topaz" using baseball as a way to build bridges to the often untrusting locals. A few Magna street scenes.

### **2005 The Crow: Wicked Prayer ( R )**

Several long sequences at Saltair, and a few other shots around Magna. Quirky horror / fantasy loosely related to the earlier films in this series.

### **2005 Buffalo Dreams ( TV-PG ? )**

Family film for Disney TV with "culture clash" themes when a teen boy and his family move to a new small town. Includes Native American themes and action sequences, including a buffalo on Main Street.

### **2005 Born Killers (a.k.a. "Piggy Banks") (R)**

A family of criminals sets up in a small town where they expect to find new victims - and maybe extended family. Many Magna area locations.

### **2003 Just A Dream ( PG? )**

Noted actor Danny Glover directed this gentle drama. A young boy observes the changes in his family & community when a big film production comes to shoot in his small town. Many great scenes shot in Magna.

### **1999 Bats ( PG-13 )**

Scientifically altered bats attack a small town, and only a few brave locals dare try to stop them. Long, exciting sequence of an all-night battle shot on Magna's Main Street.

### **1997 Address Unknown ( PG )**

Just a few minutes shot in Magna in this family mystery film about a boy finding a message left by his late father.

### **1993 Josh and S.A.M. ( PG-13 )**

Some footage done at Saltair and the surrounding area. Family comedy/drama about two boys who run away when they learn a secret about the real identity of one of them.

### **1993 Slaughter of the Innocents ( R )**

Odd cult-related crimes bring an FBI special agent to Utah, but his work is complicated by his own son's interest and meddling in the case. Just a few scenes in Magna.

### **1986 Ordinary Heroes ( PG-13? )**

Romantic drama of a young couple whose new relationship is tested when he returns from war with physical challenges that threaten their dreams. The stars shot several scenes on Magna's Main Street.

### **1962 Carnival of Souls ( PG-13? )**

Probably the first film from the Magna area to be widely noticed and respected. Fantasy / psychological horror plot follows a woman after her narrow escape from a car accident. She starts noticing oddness all around her, and is drawn to a mysterious old amusement park -- hauntingly filmed at Saltair.

## **Short Films:**

### **Celibate at the Orgy ( 2014 )**

Comedy series of short episodes using some Magna talent and locations. The film makers are also preparing to shoot additional projects in Magna.