

Prairiefire at LionsGate casts 20-screen, dine-in movie theater

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This rendering depicts a Cinetopia theater scheduled to open in Vancouver, Wash., in June. Cinetopia plans to open a 20-screen dine-in theater at Overland Park's Prairiefire at LionsGate in early 2013.

Overland Park's Prairiefire at LionsGate mixed-use development has added a 20-screen dine-in theater to its menu.

The Cinetopia theater will open in the spring of 2013 and will be adjacent to the Museum of Prairiefire, which will feature exhibitions from New York City's famed **American Museum of Natural History**.

"We have an amazing opportunity ... to enhance the educational experience by highlighting documentaries and movies simultaneously," **Rudyard Coltman**, president of Cinetopia LLC, said in a release.

Cinetopia will host community and performing arts events in addition to first-run movies. Tickets will cost between \$8.50 and \$10.50.

The movie theater will include big-screen auditoriums with leather seats, extra-wide rows and screens as large as 70 feet, as well as living room-style theaters with "skybox" seating and footrests. The theater will feature a full-service restaurant and wine bar with live music.

In January, the Overland Park City Council established a Community Improvement District to help provide upfront financing of the 60-acre, \$588 million mixed-use project.

Prairiefire developer **Fred Merrill**, president of Merrill Cos. LLC, has said the new incentives will help him secure tenants for the recession-stalled project at 135th Street and Nall Avenue.

The mixed-use center will include 350,000 square feet of retail space, 300,000 square feet of office space, a residential component and nature trails.

Construction at Prairiefire is targeted to begin in 2012 with the museum opening in 2013.