Film expert to speak before two screenings

City reschedules movies at Historic City Hall with the first one showing tonight.

The city of Lake Charles' screenings of two classic films have been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. Fridays, Sept. 19, and Oct. 3, at the Historic City Hall Arts and Cultural Center, 1001 Ryan St. The evenings will begin with a short lecture by film historian Peter Dart followed by a screening of one of the films featured in Magnum Cinema photography exhibit currently on display in the third floor gallery.

The screenings will be in the second floor gallery. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tonight's film is "The Misfits" starring Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe and Montgomery Clift.

The Oct. 3 screening will be "Chimes at Midnight," the Orson Welles classic inspired by several of Shakespeare's plays. The cast includes Welles, John Gielgud, Margaret Rutherford and Jeanne Moreau.

Dart teaches history of film at McNeese State University as an adjunct instructor. He was the head of the mass communication department at McNeese until his retirement in 1998. Dart has a doctorate in film history and theory from the University of Iowa.

Dart has worked on production crews for more than 100 films that are mostly of the non-theatrical, but nevertheless internationally distributed, educational and promotional variety.

He has acted in five feature films, including two made in Israel while he taught film production techniques in the inauguration of the Department of Film and Television at Tel Aviv University, 1973.

The Magnum Cinema exhibit features 111 color and black-and-white photographs offering a behind-the-scenes look at decades of movies and their stars. The show hangs through Oct. 25.

Historic City Hall Arts is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 491-9147 or visit www.cityoflakecharles.com.