

CINEPHILIA AND THE END OF MOVIEGOING 1989-2021

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Important Years

- 1990** - VisArt Video Rental and Chelsea Theatre open
- 1993** - Regal Timberlyne Theater opens
- 2000** - The Lumina Theater opens
- 2009** - Varsity Theater temporarily closes
- 2010** - VisArt Video Rental closes
- 2015** - Silverspot Cinema opens
- 2018** - Film Fest 919 debuted in Chapel Hill
- 2020** - COVID-19 shuts down theaters nationwide
 - Regal Timberlyne closes permanently
 - Drive-in theater in Carraway is established
 - Theaters begin offering private showings

Important Places



Photo by Adrienne E. (2008)

- VisArt Video
(CLOSED)



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Varsity Theater -



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- Regal Timberlyne Theater
(CLOSED)



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Silverspot -

Narratives

The Closing of the Regal Timberlyne and What it Might Suggest

A brief look into the Timberlyne's closing and its implications for the future of cinema



Tar Heel Sex Appeal: The Issue of Adult Film Stores in UNC

Debates over the sale of adult film in local video rental stores

VisArt: Bringing People Together Through Movies

Interviews with former video rental store employees

