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REMEMBER THE DAYS of parking your car in a huge outdoor lot in front of a big-screen movie with a date and making out instead of viewing the feature? I sure as hell don't. But Don and Susan Sanders do, fondly. After extensive research into drive-in movie theater history — including a 42-state trek across the U.S. — that resulted in the publication of two books, *The American Drive-In Movie Theatre* and *Drive-In Movie Memories*, the Sanders enlisted the help of 27-year-old director Kurt Kuenne (*Scrapbook*) to adapt their books for the screen.

Kuenne, who was featured as one of *Filmmaker's* "25 New Faces of Indie Film" in 1999, has fashioned a flashy documentary retrospective that chronicles the drive-in's strong appeal to audiences, its tragic financial downfall and, more recently, its inevitable resurgence as nostalgic theme parks for a classic form of Americana.

Caution: this film may induce a sudden craving for soggy corn dogs and mini pizzas.

— Daniel Gonzalez