

DETROIT

Discover...Motown movie magic



New York City Christmas
filmed in Detroit, July 2010



1. GM Renaissance Center

Jefferson entrance
The center tower is the tallest all-hotel skyscraper in the western hemisphere and is Detroit's skyline landmark. It served as the NY Panoramic Center in Real Steel.

2. Old Wayne County Building

600 Randolph Street
Completed in 1902, this building is a fantastic example of Roman baroque architecture with a blend of Beaux-Arts and neoclassical style. With a beautiful courtyard and grand staircases, Hollywood can't build a better movie location. LOL, Transformers 3, and Conviction filmed here.

3. Greektown

This popular neighborhood has numerous restaurants that serve authentic Greek cuisine, as well as one of the city's three casinos, Greektown Casino. Greektown served as the New Orleans exterior in the film American Virgin.

4. Harmonie Park

311 East Grand River Avenue
The tree-lined side streets of downtown Detroit's cozy Harmonie Park doubled as a Paris park in The Double. A popular nearby bar, the Rhino, was used in Judd Apatow's film The Five-Year Engagement.

5. Detroit Opera House

1526 Broadway Detroit
Opened in 1922, the Detroit Opera House is decorated in the Italian Renaissance style with lavish crystal chandeliers, frescoes and marble stairways. This beautiful theater was used for the "Neil Patrick Harris Christmas Special" scene in A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas. Tours of the actual stage and building must be set up in advance. Please call 313.961.3500.

6. Cliff Bells

2030 Park Avenue
The 1930s charm of the lavish art deco interior has been utilized for various films. The bar is a popular hang out for visiting actors looking for jazz entertainment and local Detroit nightlife. Sparkle and Vamps filmed here.

7. Detroit People Mover

The Detroit People Mover is a light rail system operating on an elevated loop in Detroit's central business district. The 13 stations provide connections between government buildings, sports arenas, exhibition centers, major hotels, and commercial, banking and retail districts. It was used extensively in the films Alex Cross and The Giant Mechanical Man.

8. Capitol Park, Griswold Street

This historic site is home to the remains of Michigan's first governor. In October 2010, the park's scheduled improvements were delayed to stage an alien crash site for Transformers 3.

9. Lafayette and American Coney Island

118 West Lafayette Boulevard
A long time local rivalry for Coney bragging rights—visit these classic diners and enjoy authentic Detroit Coney. These landmark restaurants have been in multiple films and television programs, including LOL, Whip It, Detroit 1-8-7, and Food Wars.

10. Compuware Building

1 Campus Martius
Completed in 2002 with a modern, flexible and cost-effective design, the corporation's headquarters encompasses 1.1 million square feet. The interior and exterior were used as the Aqua Building in the film Alex Cross, starring Tyler Perry.

11. First National Building

660 Woodward Avenue
The executive hair salon in the lobby can be seen in The Ides of March, starring George Clooney, Ryan Gosling, Paul Giamatti, Marisa Tomei and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

12. Congress and Griswold streets

This area doubled as New York City for the films Vamps and A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas.

13. Buhl Building

535 Griswold Street
This building combines Romanesque and Gothic features and has been a hub of the downtown financial district for decades. The beautiful arched ceiling lobby and exterior alley can be seen in A Very Harold Kumar Christmas.

14. Marquette Building

243 West Congress Street
This historic 10-story high-rise in downtown Detroit was saved from demolition in 1979. It's the loading dock for Bailey's Gym in Real Steel.

15. Detroit Fire Dept. Headquarters

250 West Larned Street
Completed in 1929, this building was used for multiple locations in the film Real Steel, including Bailey's Boxing Gym, an exterior warehouse street and the gym rooftop. Interiors are not accessible to the public.

16. Cobo Arena

1 Washington Boulevard
The 12,191-seat indoor arena was home to the Detroit Pistons from 1961–1978. The arena was used as the Missouri Municipal Center in Real Steel. Currently undergoing renovations—interior is not accessible to the public.

17. Detroit Princess Riverboat

1 Atwater Street, docked along the Detroit River
Originally named Players Riverboat Casino II, the Detroit Princess Riverboat was originally built for use as a gambling boat. It's 222 feet long and can accommodate up to 1,500 passengers. Detroit 1-8-7 (episode 102 "Local Hero/Last Dance") and Kid Rock filmed here.

18. GM Renaissance Center

Wintergarden entrance
The Renaissance Center is the tallest building in Michigan and features a breathtaking view from the rooftop restaurant. The film Real Steel, starring Hugh Jackman, filmed here.



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The Michigan Film Office was created in 1979 to assist and attract incoming production companies and to promote film industry growth.



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FILM OFFICE

Called Motown, the Motor City, Rock City, Hockeytown or just simply "The D," Detroit has a long and varied history.

It's the birthplace of techno, the sports capital of the Midwest, was the first city to pave a concrete road and has the only floating post office in the United States. Detroit perfected the Coney Dog, was the first place to have individual phone numbers and it invented the three-color traffic light. You're welcome.

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OTHER NOTABLE LOCATIONS

- Belle Isle Zoo**
Belle Isle
Real Steel: Shaefer Zoo
- Cadillac Place**
3044 West Grand Boulevard
Transformers 3: ticker tape parade
- Detroit Institute of Arts**
5200 Woodward Avenue
Hung, Detroit 1-8-7
- Detroit Yacht Club**
One Riverbank Road, Belle Isle
Whip It: int/ext beauty pageant, swimming pool
- Eastern Market**
2934 Russell Street
Whip It: Razor's apartment complex
- Exterior Bar**
30 Clifford Street
Transformers 3
- Fisher Building**
3011 West Grand Boulevard
Transformers 3: Russian hallway
- Majestic Theater**
4120 Woodward Avenue
This Must be the Place: main stage
- Masonic Temple**
500 Temple Avenue
This Must be the Place; Van Helsing; Vamps: multiple locations
- Michigan Central Depot**
2001 15th Street
Transformers, Transformers 3, The Island
- Nemo's**
1384 Michigan Avenue
Real Steel: local sports bar

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- Culinary Escapes/True Downtown Dining**
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- Detroit Princess Riverboat**, 877.338.2628
- Detroit Tour Connections**
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- Diamond Jack's Detroit Riverboat Excursions**
313.843.9376, info@diamondjack.com
- DTours**, 888.416.5060, info@dtoursdetroit.com
- Experience Detroit Attractions and Self-Guided Tours**
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For more than 30 years, the Michigan Film Office has been supporting Michigan media industries and positioning Michigan as a worldwide production destination. Since 2008, we've wrapped more than 160 projects, including large blockbuster studio features, award winning independent films, and a network television series. However, Michigan's history of filmmaking goes back much further. In 1936, MGM shot *Speed*, starring James Stewart, at the Chrysler Corporation testing grounds. Marquette, in the Upper Peninsula, provided the setting for *Anatomy of a Murder*, filmed in 1956. In 1979, another classic, *Somewhere in Time*, filmed at the beautiful Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Michigan has been on the silver screen for decades.

Memorable movies filmed in Michigan

- The Evil Dead (1982)
- Beverly Hills Cop (1984)
- Midnight Run (1987)
- Beverly Hills Cop II (1987)
- Action Jackson (1988)
- Presumed Innocent (1989)
- Roger and Me (1989)
- Hoffa (1992)
- True Romance (1993)
- Grosse Pointe Blank (1997)
- Detroit Rock City (1999)
- '61 (2000)
- American Pie 2 (2001)
- 8 Mile (2002)
- Below (2002)
- Road to Perdition (2002)
- Four Brothers (2005)
- The Island (2005)
- Upside of Anger (2005)
- Dreamgirls (2006)
- Semi-Pro (2007)
- Transformers (2007)
- Gran Torino (2008)
- Jumper (2008)
- Capitalism: A Love Story (2009)
- Conviction (2009)
- Hung (2009-2011)
- Up In the Air (2009)
- Whip It (2009)
- Detroit 187 (2010)
- Hostel: Part III (2010)
- Machine Gun Preacher (2010)
- Stone (2010)
- You Don't Know Jack (2010)
- 30 Minutes or Less (2011)
- Cedar Rapids (2011)
- The Ides of March (2011)
- LOL (2011)
- Real Steel (2011)
- Scream 4 (2011)
- Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011)
- Vamps (2011)
- A Very Harold and Kumar Christmas (2011)
- Alex Cross (2012)
- AWOL (2012)
- Five Year Engagement (2012)
- The Giant Mechanical Man (2012)
- High School (2012)
- Red Dawn (2012)
- Sparkle (2012)
- Oz: The Great and Powerful (2013)



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A map of Detroit film locations

We're ready for our close-up
Detroit is Michigan's largest city—birthplace of the automobile and Motown, the city center is known for its incredible turn-of-the-century architecture. Art deco, Romanesque, Baroque, and even Gothic designs can be seen throughout the city, which gives Detroit an amazing cinematic look unlike any other city in America. Film and television have flocked to the downtown area as a double for Boston, New York City, Chicago and other large metropolitan areas. With the revitalization of the artistic community, and an unlimited urban resource, Detroit is poised to become the filming capitol of the Midwest. Producers, directors and stars have come to Detroit and discovered a gorgeous city with passion, creativity and a strong work ethic. It's a perfect place for storytellers and moviemakers.