



Roll out the red carpet! The 15th annual Beaufort International Film Festival is almost here. Starting on Monday night, February 15th we'll be viewing all of the nominated flicks leading up to the Awards Ceremony on Friday, February 19th. For many people, the experience of going to the movies includes popcorn and candy.

When you enter a movie theater, the aroma of popcorn hits you as soon as you walk through the door. Why not try something new and different this year? Add a little gourmet delight to your movie experience with some tasty recipe ideas. I've handpicked four snackable treats that will make your movie-watching experience as tasty as it is entertaining. These crunchy and addictive snacks are extremely easy and fast to prepare, ready to be munched on in 30 minutes or less. For more information about the Beaufort International Film Festival and to purchase movie and event tickets visit www.beaufortfilmfestival.com. See you at the movies!

Dark Victory

1 (12-ounce) package dark chocolate chips

¼ cup crunchy peanut butter

6 cups Crispix cereal

1 cup confectioner's sugar

Sea salt

2 cups roasted mixed nuts

2 cups peanut m&m's

½ cup plain dark chocolate m&m's

Place chocolate chips and peanut butter in a microwave-safe bowl. Heat on low power or defrost until chocolate is melted; stopping to stir every 20 seconds. Do not overcook. Gently fold in cereal and coat well. Place confectioner's sugar in a large zip-lock bag; add cereal mixture and zip closed. Massage and toss bag until cereal is coated with powdered sugar. Transfer mixture to a sheet pan and spread out. Sprinkle with a light amount of sea salt all over. Place baking sheet in refrigerator for 3 minutes to set. Remove from refrigerator and add nuts and m&m's. Toss to combine. Store in a tightly sealed container. Makes about 10 cups.

The Nutty Professor



1 cup dried cranberries

2 cups roasted mixed nuts

½ cup milk chocolate-covered raisins

½ cup dark chocolate-covered raisins

½ cup yogurt-covered raisins

½ cup dark chocolate-covered almonds

Mix all ingredients together. Store in a tightly sealed container. Makes about 5 cups.

Something to Talk About

1 (3.3-ounce) package microwave popcorn (about 4 cups)

