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OPENING OR RETURNING:

Charly: Mormon comedy, drama, romance based on a novel by Jack Weyland stars Heather Beers as Charly and Jeremy Elliot. PG. Movies 12.

City of God: Rio de Janeiro is home to one of the most notorious slums in the world, called City of God. Based on the true story of a young man from the 'hood whose photographs may be his only way out. Directed by Fernando Meirelles, this acclaimed, unflinchingly brutal film stars Matheus Nachtergaele. Not for the faint-hearted. R. Bijou.

City Zero (Gorod Zero): Directed by Karen Shakhnazarova, film is an absurdist comedy about a town "still frozen under the spell of Stalinism." At 7:15 pm on 4/9 in 115 Pacific Hall, UO campus. In Russian with English subtitles. Free.

Darkness Falls: This horror thriller directed by Jonathan Liebesman is about the Tooth Fairy's revenge. One viewer wrote on the IMDb: "God, talk about wretched and boring..." PG-13. Movies 12.

Kristin Lavransdatter (Norway, 1995): Based on best-selling trilogy about life in medieval Norway, film is directed by Liv Ullmann. At 5:30 pm on 4/8 in International Resource Center, EMU, UO campus. Norwegian, with English subtitles. Free.

Man Apart, A: If you've seen the trailer, you know that Vin Diesel is an undercover cop you don't want to mess with, especially after some sorry drug dealer scum breaks into his home. Violent revenge flick. R. Cinema World.

O Auto da Compadecida (Portugal): At 7:30 pm on 4/8 in 115 Pacific Hall, UO campus. Free.

Phone Booth: Colin Farrell, Kiefer Sutherland, Forest Whitaker, Katie Holmes and Radha Mitchell star in Joel Schumacher's thriller. R. Cinema World. Cinema mark.

Rosewood (1997): Set in a small black town in Florida where lynchings and race riots erupted in 1923, film stars Ving Rhames, Jon Voight, Don Cheadle, Esther Rolle and Elise Neal and is directed by John Singleton. Set was visited by people who, as children, waited for help to come while hiding out in the snake-infested swamps. R. At 7 pm on 4/9 in 180 PLC, UO campus. Free.

Spirited Away: Re-issue of 2002 Academy Award-winner for best animated feature. Latest film from legendary Japanese animation director Hayao Miyazaki (*Princess Mononoke*) follows adventures of 10-year old girl, Chihiro, who discovers a secret world and learns to take care of herself after her parents mysteriously change. Not just for kids, it's too scary for preschoolers. Very highest recommendations. PG. **Online archives.** Cinema World.

Taxi Driver (1976): Martin Scorsese's stunning tale of a psychotic New York taxi driver stars Robert De Niro, Jodie Foster and Harvey Keitel. Unforgettable urban nightmare, brilliant performances in this restored re-release. Travis Bickell (Robert DeNiro) turns violent avenging the exploitation of an 11-year-old prostitute (Jodie Foster). Co-stars Cybill Shepherd, Albert Brooks, Peter Boyle and Harvey Keitel. R. LateNite Bijou.

What a Girl Wants: Teen Amanda Bynes is "trying to fit in, born to stand out." She wants a fairy tale relationship with her absent dad and is tired of living with her unconventional mom, played by Colin Firth and Kelly Preston. Oliver James plays her love interest. PG. Cinema World. Cinema mark.

Films open the Friday following date of EW publication unless otherwise noted. See archived reviews at www.eugeneweekly.com.

CONTINUING:

Agent Cody Banks: Teen action adventure stars Frankie Muniz as an undercover CIA operative, Angie Harmon as his boss, and Hilary Duff as girlfriend. PG. Cinema mark.

Basic: War thriller stars Samuel L. Jackson as an elite commando officer who disappears on a mission and John Travolta as a rogue DEA agent. Also stars Connie Nielsen, Giovanni Ribisi, Taye Diggs; directed by John McTiernan. R. Cinema World. Cinema mark.

Bringing Down the House: Domestic comedy starring Steve Martin and Queen Latifah is directed by Adam Shankman. PG-13. Cinema mark.

Catch Me If You Can: Steven Spielberg and Leonardo DiCaprio have fun in this tale of Frank Abagnale Jr., an actual con man of the 1960s who successfully passed himself off as a pilot, a doctor and a college professor and forged millions in checks before he was 21. Christopher Walken plays his father, and Tom Hanks plays the F.B.I. agent determined to capture him. Highly recommended. 2002 Academy Award nom for John Williams' original score. Walken. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Chicago: Broadway spectacular directed by Rob Marshall stars Renee Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones as killer dames behind bars who compete for tabloid coverage. With Queen Latifah, John C. Reilly and Richard Gere. 2002 Academy Awards for best picture, supporting actress Zeta-Jones, art direction, sound, editing and costumes. PG 13. Cinema mark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Core, The: Jon Amiel directs this adventure to the center of the earth. Scientists played by Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank and Bruce Greenwood journey deep into the earth to

detonate a device to reactivate the planet's core. An unintentional comedy, it's a great break from reality. PG-13. Cinema mark. Cinema World. **See review this issue.**

Daredevil: Marvel Comic's Man Without Fear is directed by Mark Steven Johnson. Stars Ben Affleck as the masked vigilante, Jennifer Garner, Michael Clarke Duncan, Colin Farrell, Joe Pantoliano, Jon Favreau and David Keith. PG-13. Movies 12.

Dr. Strangelove, Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb: Stanley Kubrick's 1964 classic, quintessential Cold-War black comedy stars Peter Sellers in three roles; Sterling Hayden as an unforgettable crackpot general; Slim Pickens as a bomb-riding pilot; George C. Scott as a very nervous militarist; and Keenan Wynn at his most hapless. Written by Terry Southern, Peter George and Kubrick. NR. LateNite Bijou.

Dreamcatcher: Buddy reunion camping trip horror film from Lawrence Kasdan, based on Stephen King's book, stars Morgan Freeman, Donny Wahlberg, Damian Lewis, Timothy Olyphant, Jason Lee, Thomas Jane and Tom Sizemore. R. Cinema mark.

Harry Potter: Chamber of Secrets: Again directed by Chris Columbus, Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) try to uncover a dark force terrorizing Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. G. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Head of State: Chris Rock directs, co-writes and stars in this tale of a D.C. alderman who runs for the presidency. Also stars Bernie Mac, Dylan Baker, Robin Givens, James Rebhorn. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinema mark.

Hot Chick: Verbally abusive cheerleader wakes up in the body of Rob Schneider. Yikes! Directed by Tom Brady. PG-13. Movies 12.

Hunted, The: Tommy Lee Jones plays a retired special-ops trainer and Benicio Del Toro is his former student, now an ace assassin gone bonkers. Directed by William Friedkin (*The Exorcist*). R. Cinema mark.

Just Married: This honeymoon from hell is directed by Shawn Levy and stars Ashton Kutcher, Brittany Murphy and Christian Kane. PG-13. Movies 12.

Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers: Directed and re-imagined by Peter Jackson, part two of J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy continues. New characters, a surprise return and great battles. Director Peter Jackson's second masterpiece. Very highest recommendations. 2002 Academy Awards for sound editing, visual effects. PG-13. Cinema mark. **Online archives.**

Maid in Manhattan: Ralph Fiennes is a well-off politician staying at a swank New York hotel. Jennifer Lopez is a single-mother maid working there. He sees her dressed in a guest's clothing and falls for her, like Richard Gere fell for Julia Roberts in *Pretty Woman*. Not too enlightened nor original an idea. PG-13. Movies 12.

Old School: From *Road Trip*, Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell and Vince Vaughn try to recapture the fun of their college years by starting their own off-campus frat house. R. Cinema mark.

Pianist, The: Winner of the Cannes Best Picture award, this critically acclaimed film is based on the life of Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew, composer and pianist. When the Nazis invade, he finds salvation in his art. Directed, produced by Roman Polanski, it stars Adrien Brody as Szpilman. Highest recommendations. 2002 Academy Awards to Polanski, Brody and Ronald Harwood's adapted screenplay. R. Cinema mark. **Online archives.**

Piglet's Big Movie: Disney animated film features the whole Winnie-the-Pooh gang

looking for Piglet, who has disappeared. Songs by Carly Simon. G. Cinema mark.

Rabbit-Drunk Love: Paul Thomas Anderson's comedy is about an LA businessman (Adam Sandler) who blindly follows a woman he loves (Emily Watson) to Hawaii. Also stars Luis Guzman and Philip Seymour Hoffman. Highly recommended for excellent performances. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Quiet American, The: Directed by Phillip Noyce (*Rabbit-Proof Fence*), this adaptation of Graham Greene's novel is set in 1952 Saigon during the French Indochina War. Michael Caine plays an English journalist; also stars Brendan Fraser. 2002 Academy Award nomination for Caine. Highly recommended. R. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Rabbit-Proof Fence: Based on the true 1931 story of three young, Australian Aboriginal girls who are kidnapped but escape white control to make a 1,200 mile-trek home while pursued by authorities. Directed by Phillip Noyce, this courageous film stars Everlyn Sampi, David Gulpilil and Kenneth Branagh. A true walkabout, it has beautiful performances, empathic direction and dramatic cinematography by Christopher Doyle. Highest recommendations. PG. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Tears of the Sun: Bruce Willis is a Navy SEAL sent to rescue a US citizen who runs a mission, but she (Monica Bellucci) won't leave her charges. Directed by Antoine Fuqua. R. Cinema mark.

Trials of Henry Kissinger, The: The facts in Alex Gibney and Eugene Jarecki's compelling, thought provoking documentary film are based on declassified government documents. The opinions are largely based on a long association with these facts. Interviews with a large number of Kissinger apologists as well as many who have written about him, including Christopher Hitchens who calls Kissinger "a war criminal." Very highest recommendations. NR. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Twenty-fifth Hour: Spike Lee's film tracks the regrets of a mid-level heroin dealer on his last day of freedom and explores the limits of friendship. Edward Norton has only 24 hours before he's due in prison for the next seven years. Also stars Rosario Dawson, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Barry Pepper, Anna Paquin and Brian Cox. Highly recommended for its realistic depiction of regret, which suffuses the film and raises it to a higher level. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Two Weeks Notice: Hugh Grant and Sandra Bullock star as a very, very rich man and his lawyer. When she quits, and he replaces her with Alicia Witt, she reconsiders. Written and directed by Marc Lawrence (*The Out-of-Towners*). PG-13. Movies 12.

View From the Top: Bruno Barreto directs this 1960s era comedy about a girl's dream of becoming a first-class international flight attendant. Stars Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate, Mark Ruffalo and Candice Bergen. PG-13. Cinema mark.

Wild Thornberrys, The: Animated film about a girl who talks to and understands animals. She goes to Africa with her parents, nature filmmakers, and her best friend, a chimp. Voices include Lacy Chabert, Rupert Everett, Marisa Tomei, Tim Curry, Brenda Blethyn, Lynn Redgrave and Obba Babatundé. Directed by Jeff McGrath and Cathy Malkasian. 2002 Academy Award nomination for Paul Simon's original song. PG. Movies 12.

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New Releases on Video

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Dream for an Insomniac (1998):

Stars Jennifer Aniston, Lone Skye as aspiring actresses and MacKenzie Astin as the guy. Uninspired, generic offering by newcomer Tiffanie DeBartolo. R.

Harry Potter: Chamber of Secrets: Directed by Chris Columbus, with a bit more ingenuity than the first Harry Potter. Here Harry (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint) and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) try to uncover a dark force terrorizing Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. G. DVD, VHS available April 11. **Online archives.**

Moonlight Mile: Brad Silberling directs this semi-autobiographical film about a young man (Jake Gyllenhaal) who's adopted by the grieving parents (Dustin Hoffman, Susan Sarandon) of his girlfriend who was killed. Then he falls in love again. With Ellen Pompeo, Dabney Coleman, Richard T. Jones and Holly Hunter. R.

Star Trek: Nemesis: Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the crew of the Enterprise face an alien race. Stars Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, Brent Spiner, LeVar

Burton, Michael Dorn, Gates McFadden, Marina Sirtis, Ron Perlman, Tom Hardy. Dir. by Stuart Baird. PG-13. **Online archives.**

Three Colors: Outstanding trilogy of films directed by the late, great Krzysztof Kieslowski, now available on DVD as a multi-disc set, with many extras. Very highly recommended. **Blue (1993):** Juliette Binoche stars as a young woman who loses her husband and daughter in a car wreck and struggles to overcome her grief. One of the best films of 1993. R. **White:** Follows the foibles of a would-be entrepreneur from Poland who lives part-time in Paris until his wife divorces him. He returns to Poland, which is reeling from decades of Soviet rule, and devotes himself to revenge. Very entertaining, very interesting film. Unrated. **Red:** A young woman (Irene Jacob) living in Paris meets a voyeuristic older man (Jean-Louis Trintignant), who is a retired judge. They develop a moving friendship and share an entwined destiny. Superlative cinema. R.

Three Wishes for Cinderella (Czech Republic, 1973): Live action 85-minute feature film directed by Vaclav Vorlicek is a retelling of the fairytale. But this Cinderella, played by Carola Braunbackova rides horses and seizes the reins of her own future. DVD and VHS through Facets Video.

Next week: Absolute Beginners, Castle in the Sky, Drumline, Kiki's Delivery Service, Lambada and Spirited Away.