

movie clips

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Bad Santa: Directed by Terry Zwigoff. The story of two con men who go on a road trip to malls dressed as Santa and his elf who rob the malls after hours. An 8-year-old teaches them the true meaning of Christmas. Right! Stars Billy Bob Thornton, Bernie Mac, Lauren Graham, John Ritter. R. Movies 12

Barbarian Invasions, The: Canadian writer. director Denys Arcand's acclaimed film revisits the generation of characters created for *The Decline of the American Empire* (1987). *LA Weekly's* Ella Taylor writes, "The film has the fluid rhythms, the delight in talk and food, and the nourishing intellectual richness of Renoir, Louis Malle and, in a certain mood, Bertolucci." Sounds good to me. Cinema World.

Clockwork Orange (1971): Stanley Kubrick's compelling, violent film was banned in UK for many years. Led by a sadistic psychopath (Malcolm McDowell), a gang rapes and kills. One of the master's most unforgettable films. R. McKenzie Hall, UO. At 7pm on 3/13 in Rm. 214.

Club Dread, Broken Lizard's: From the makers of *Super Troopers* comes the tale of a non-stop party at an island resort. Stars Bill Paxton and members of Broken Lizards. R. Cinemark.

Happy Times: Centerpiece is an ancient school bus that down-and-out couples can rent by the hour called "Happy Times Hotel." How this comes about is a convoluted tale described by *Boston Phoenix* critic as Zhang Yimou's "least personal and cinematic but coyest and most sentimental picture." At 7 pm on 2/27 in EMU International Lounge, UO. Free.

Havana Nights, Dirty Dancing: Re-telling of *Dirty Dancing* set in 1958 in the Cuban capital, where an American woman (Romolo Garai) and Cuban man (Diego Luna, *Y Tu Mama Tambien*) dance at a steamy local hot spot, La Rosa Negra, on the eve of the revolution. PG-13. Cinemark.

House Under the Starry Sky (1991): Somewhat surrealist film showing madness of Soviet life and politics directed by Sergei Solovlev. At 8:15 pm on 3/1 in 115 Pacific Hall, UO. In Russian, with English subtitles. Free.

Ichu the Killer (2001): Director Takashi Miike creates what *Seattle Weekly* calls a "psycho yakuza classic." Not for the fainthearted. NR. Latenite Bijou.

Mad City (1997): Costa-Gravas' intense hostage drama stars Dustin Hoffman and John Travolta. PG-13. At 7 pm on 3/4 in 180 PLC. Free.

Passion of Christ, The (2004): Mel Gibson film opens amid charges (denied) of anti-Semitism. A.O. Scott of *The New York Times* writes, "'The Passion of the Christ' is so relentlessly focused on the savagery of Jesus' final hours that this film seems to arise less from love than from wrath, and to succeed more in assaulting the spirit than in uplifting it." Others cite the film's graphic torture as being unwatchable — the ending of *Braveheart* times 10. Not for me. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Paycheck: Based on a Philip K. Dick sci-fi short story and directed by John Woo, film stars Ben Affleck, Uma Thurman Aaron Eckhart, Paul Giamatti, Colm Feore, Michael C. Hall. PG-13. Movies 12.

Princess Bride, The: Rob Reiner's 1987 fairy-tale adaptation stars Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin, Robin Wright, Wallace Shawn, Peter Falk, Andre the Giant and Chris Sarandon. Ironic humor and great dueling scenes make it a real crowd pleaser. PG. LateNite Bijou.

Twisted: Philip Kaufman directs Ashley Judd, Samuel L. Jackson and Andy Garcia in a policier involving a female serial killer. R. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Veronica Guerin: Extraordinary film based on courageous Dublin journalist (Cate Blanchett), this treacherous game of cat-and-mouse set in the mid-1990s is directed by Joel Schumacher. Also Gerard McSorley, Ciaran Hinds and Brenda Fricker. Highly recommended. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

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Against the Ropes: Fictionalized drama inspired by successful female boxing manager. Directed by Charles S. Dutton, movie stars Meg Ryan and Omar Epps. PG-13. PG-13. Cinemark.

Along Came Polly: Ben Stiller plays Reuben, a hapless husband whose bride dumps him. Then he meets up with a childhood friend, Polly (Jennifer Aniston). Also stars Philip Seymour Hoffman, Hank Azaria, Bryan Brown and Alec Baldwin. John Hamburg directs. PG-13. Cinemark.

Big Fish: Tim Burton's film about a son (Billy Crudup) who tries to figure out his father's (Albert Finney) life through the wild stories he's told. Also stars Ewan McGregor, Helena Bonham Carter, Danny DeVito, Jessica Lange, Alison Lohman and Steve Buscemi. Truly wonderful film; highest recommendations. Academy Award nom for original score. PG-13. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Brother Bear: Disney tale of young man who is transformed into a bear and his adventures in the great Northwest. Academy Award nom for animated feature film. G. Movies 12.

Butterfly Effect: The trailer is about a young man (Ashton Kutcher) who time travels back to the past to fix the broken lives of a childhood girlfriend (Amy Smart) and his friends, Lenny (Eldoen Henson) and Tommy (William Lee Scott). R. Cinemark.

Catch That Kid: Bart Freundlich directs this caper film about three smart kids on a mission without permission. Stars Kristen Stewart, Corbin Bleu, Max Thieriot, Jennifer Beals, Sam Robards, John Carroll Lynch and James LeGros. PG. Movies 12.

Chasing Liberty: In this young adult romantic comedy, Mandy Moore plays the only child of the US Prez, and Matthew Goode is the Brit she meets in Europe who helps her escape from her Secret Service agents. PG-13. Movies 12.

Cheaper by the Dozen: Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt play the parents of 12 children, including Piper Perabo, Hilary Duff and Tom Welling. Directed by Shawn Levy. PG. Movies 12.

Cold Mountain: Anthony Minghella's adaptation of Charles Frazier's Civil War best-seller stars Jude Law as a wounded Southern soldier walking home across the mountains, Nicole Kidman as his pre-war sweetheart, and Renee Zellweger as a young drifter who teaches her to farm and survive. Elegaic. Excellent performances, beautiful film. Very highest recommendations. Academy Award noms for Jude Law, Best Actor; Rene Zellwegger, Supporting Actress; cinematography; original score; two original songs; film editing. R. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen: Stars Lindsay Lohan (*Freaky Friday*). For Welsh director Sara Sugarman, it's her first movie. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Eurotrip: Teens from USA invade Europe. Crass commercialism. R. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Fifty First Dates: Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler in a romance with a catch: she has no short-term memory recall, so she forgets him every night. Also stars Rob Schneider, Sean Astin and Dan Aykroyd. Directed by Peter Segal. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Girl With the Pearl Earring: Scarlett Johansson and Colin Firth give consummate performances in this underrated, lovely film about Vermeer and the model for his famous, mysterious painting. Based on Tracy Chevalier's best-selling novel. Very highest recommendations. Academy Award nom for cinematography, art direction, costume design. PG-13. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Gothika: Halle Berry plays a criminal psychologist who blacks out and comes to accused of murdering her husband (Charles Dutton). Now she's a patient in his hospital. Directorial debut of Mathieu Kassovitz. Also Penélope Cruz, Robert Downey Jr., Bernard Hill. R. Movies 12.

Haunted Mansion: Eddie Murphy stars in Rob Minkoff's (*Stuart Little*) ghost comedy, with Jennifer Tilly, Don Knotts, Terence Stamp PG. Movies 12.

Lord of the Rings: Return of the King: Peter Jackson completes Tolkien's trilogy on film, and the result is stunning. Stars Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Billy Boyd, Orlando Bloom, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett. In parallel stories Frodo and Sam make it to Mount Doom as the warriors of Middle Earth under the leadership of Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) fight the final battle against the forces of the evil Sauron. Very highest recommendations. Brilliant! Academy Award noms: Best Picture; Director, Peter Jackson; adapted screenplay; art direction; sound mixing; original score; original song; costume design; film editing; makeup; and visual effects. Cinema World. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Master and Commander The Far side of the World: Peter Weir brings the late Patrick O'Brian's best-selling nautical adventures to the screen with Russell Crowe as Captain Jack Aubrey and Paul Bettany as Dr. Stephen Maturin, ship surgeon and naturalist. Set during the Napoleonic Wars. Highest recommendations. Academy Award noms: Best Picture; Director, Peter Weir; art direction; cinematography; sound mixing; sound editing; costume design; film editing; makeup; visual effects. PG-13. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Miracle: The: 1980 US Ice Hockey team beat the greatest team in the world (the Russians) at the Olympics. Stars Kurt Russell as the coach of this inspiring tale of a sports-world miracle. PG. Cinemark.

Mona Lisa Smile: Julia Roberts is an idealistic teacher and nonconformist at Wellesley in the 1950s. Julia Stiles, Kirsten Dunst and Maggie Gyllenhaal are her students. Mike Newell directs. PG-13. Movies 12.

Monster: Patty Jenkins' feature film about real-life killer Aileen Wuornos stars Charlize Theron (Academy Award nominee) in an unforgettable performance. Theron's physical transformation not only captures Wuornos's fragile hold on human decency but also show that her tough exterior is the only buffer she has between her marginal life and an uncaring world. Co-stars Christina Ricci. Hard-to-watch violence, but outstanding. R. Bijou. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Mystic River: Directed by Clint Eastwood; written by Brian Helgeland, based on the novel by Dennis Lehane, this dramatic tragedy stars Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Kevin Bacon, Laurence Fishburne, Marcia Gay Harden, Laura Linney and Emmy Rossum. Very highest recommendations. Academy Award noms: Best Picture; Best Actor, Sean Penn; Supporting Actor, Tim Robbins; Supporting Actress, Marcia Gay Harden; Director, Clint Eastwood; Adapted screenplay, Brian Helgeland. R. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Peter Pan: Directed by P.J. Hogan, movie stars Jason Isaacs, Jeremy Sumpter, Richard Briers, Olivia Williams, Lyn Redgrave, Ludvine Sagnier and Rachel Hurd-Wood. PG. Movies 12.

School of Rock: Substitute teacher and wild guitarist Jack Black turns elementary musical prodigies into a high-voltage rock band. Directed by Richard Linklater, it also stars Joan Cusack, Mike White and Sarah Silverman. PG-13. Movies 12.

Stuck on You: The Farrelly Brothers direct this story of joined twins Bob (Mat Damon) and Walt (Greg Kinear). Also stars Cher, Eva Mendes, Seymour Cassel, big name cameos. PG-13. Movies 12.

Timeline: Based on Michael Crichton's novel about archaeologists who travel back 600 years to rescue their teacher, trapped in 14th century France. Stars Paul Walker, Frances O'Connor, Billy Connolly, David Thewlis. PG-13. Movies 12.

Triplets of Belleville: Sylvain Chomet's animated tale features the writer, director's whimsical, skewed architecture looming over the bizarre figures, who populate his strange and wonderful story. A don't-miss gem from 2003, the film's Academy Award noms include Best Animated Film and original song. Very highest recommendations PG-13. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Welcome to Mooseport: Ray Romano, running for small-town mayor, and Gene Hackman, former US Prez, square off for Maura Tierney's love. Also stars Marcia Gay Harden, Christine Baranski, Rip Torn. Directed by Donald Petrie. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

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