

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Color Purple, The (1995): Steven Spielberg's adaptation of Alice Walker's novel set in the South during the 1920s stars Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Margaret Avery and Oprah Winfrey. First film for Goldberg and Winfrey. Great performances. Plays at 7 pm on 4/21 in 180 PLC, 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. Movies 12.

Lessons at the End of Spring (1990): Oleg Cavun directs film set at end of Kruskchev's regime about a teenager who is detained by police. In Russian with English subtitles. At 8:45 pm in 115 Pacific, UO. Free.

Love and Diane: POV Spring Special on OPB television. Chicago Tribune review: "One of the most searing, heartbreaking and ultimately triumphant mother/daughter stories ever put to film." directed by Jennifer Dworkin. Documentary airs April 21. Check local listings for time.

Punisher: Marvel comic book character Charles Bronson (Thomas Jane) pursues with a vengeance after his family is murdered. Also stars John Travolta and Laura Harring. R. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Reckoning: Paul McGuigan directs this adaptation of Barry Unsworth's excellent *Morality Play*, set in medieval England. A priest in flight joins traveling players. The murder of a child sets in motion a new stage show and the solving of the crime. Stars Paul Bettany, Willem Dafoe, Brian Cox. R. Biju.

Thirteen Going On 30: Jennifer Garner goes to bed 13, wishing she were older. Wakes up 17 years later, and she is. Directed by Gary Winnick, also stars the always excellent Mark Ruffalo, Andy Serkis and Kathy Baker. PG-13. Sneak at 7 pm on 4/17 at Cinemark.

Watch: Cascade Wildlands Project says, "Documentary of the Watch Mountain campaign. Familiar faces from the Warner Creek campaign." At 7 pm on 4/21 in 100 Willamette Hall. UO. Free.

What the Bleep Do We Know? Through interviews with cutting-edge scientists and spiritual teachers, a brand new way of thinking about consciousness, intentionality and the ability to make a difference in the world emerges. But it begins with Amanda (Marlee Matlin). Highly recommended. NR. Bijou. **See review this issue.**

You Got Served: In competitive street dancing, crews battle each other for money and respect. Cast includes Marques Houston, Omarion, Raz B, J Boog and Lil' Fizz. PG-13. Movies 12.

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Alamo, The: The famous 13-day battle of 1836 in a San Antonio mission pitted 200 men against an overwhelming Mexican army. Stars Patrick Wilson, Jason Patric, Billy Bob Thornton, Dennis Quaid and Emilio Echevarria. Directed by John Lee Hancock as understated drama. Highly recommended. PG-13. Cinema World. **Cinemark. See review this issue.**

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. Movies 12.

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 nominee for original score. PG-13. Movies 12. [Online archives.](#)

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. 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.

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen: Stars Lindsay Lohan (*Freaky Friday*). Welsh director Sara Sugarman's first movie. PG. Movies 12.

Elia Enchanted: Anne Hathaway is a perfectly obedient girl. She does what she's told, literally. Based on Newberry-winning novel. PG. Cinemark.

External Sunshine of the Spotless Mind: Highly acclaimed film directed by Michel Gondry from screenplay by Charlie Kaufman (*Adaptation*). Stars Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, Tom Wilkinson, with Mark Ruffalo, Elijah Wood, Kirsten Dunst. Carrey discovers Winslet had memories of their relationship erased. Now he wants to do the same. Or does he? The best new film of '04. Very highest recommendations. R. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Girl Next Door, The: Emile Hirsch and Elisha Cuthbert (Kim Bauer of "24") star in Luke Greenfield's teen comedy, romance. R. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Hellboy: Based on Mike Mignola's Dark Horse Comics series, this supernatural action adventure stars Ron Perlman, John Hut, Selma Blain and Doug Jones and is directed by Guillermo del Toro. Highly entertaining, sweet film. Don't be afraid; see it. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Home on the Range: Disney animated feature features voices by Roseanne Barr, Judi Dench, Jennifer Tilly, Cuba Gooding Jr., Randy Quaid, Steve Buscemi, Carole Cook and Governor Ann Richards., while singing comes from k.d. lang, Bonnie Raitt, Tim McGraw and The Beau Sisters. PG. Cinemark.

Jersey Girl: Written and directed by Kevin Smith, film's about a music publicist (Ben Affleck) trying to balance work and fatherhood as a single parent. Also stars Jennifer Lopez, George Carlin, Liv Tyler.

Johnson Family Vacation: Cedric the Entertainer takes his family on a cross-country trek to the annual family reunion, and boy, do things go wrong. Comedy also stars Vanessa Williams, Bow Wow, Solange Knowles. PG-13. Cinemark.

Dead Men Tell No Tales: Based on the 1955 British comedy starring Peter Sellers and Alec Guinness, Ethan and Joel Coen's adaptation stars Tom Hanks and Marlon Wayans. When these bank robbers move into "no hip-hop" house of a Southern church-going woman, anything goes. R. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Lord of the Rings: Return of the King: Peter Jackson's stunning work stars Elijah Wood, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen, Billy Boyd, Orlando Bloom, Liv Tyler, Cate Blanchett. Frodo and Sam make it to Mount Doom as Aragorn leads the warriors of Middle Earth in the final battle against Sauron. 2003 Academy Award sweeps for Best Picture; Director, Peter Jackson; adapted screenplay; art direction; sound mixing; original score; original song; costume design; film editing; makeup; and visual effects. Very highest recommendations. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Master and Commander The Far side of the World: Peter Weir brings Patrick O'Brian's best-selling nautical adventures during the Napoleonic era to the screen, with Russell Crowe as Captain Jack Aubrey and Paul Bettany as Dr. Stephen Maturin, ship surgeon and naturalist. Very highest recommendations. Academy Awards for cinematography, sound editing; nominated for picture; director, art direction; sound mixing; costume design; film editing; makeup; visual effects. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

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

New Releases on Video

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Casas de los Babys (2003): John Sayles' ensemble piece about six American women in a South American motel waiting for babies to adopt. Stars Lili Taylor, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Daryl Hannah, Marcia Gay Harden, Susan Lynch, Mary Steenburgen, Rita Moreno. *The New York Times* says it's "rooted in Mr. Sayles's profound awareness of the degree to which the personal is political in everyone's lives, and the ways in which money, class and ethnicity shape our points of view." R.

Fool for Love (1985): Sam Shepard's vivid play brought to the screen by director Robert Altman is one of my favorite films of the era. Stars Shepard and Kim Basinger, with Randy Quaid and the unforgettable Harry Dean Stanton. DVD extras include an interview with Altman. R.

Give My Regards to Broad Street (1984): Stars Paul McCartney, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Ringo Starr, Barbara Bach and the late Linda McCartney.

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

Kill Bill 1: Quentin Tarantino's first of two films stars Uma Thurman as a woman with a mission: Kill Bill (David Carradine), the former boss who betrayed her. With Lucy Liu, Daryl Hannah, LaTanya Richardson, Vivica A. Fox, Michael Madsen and Samuel L. Jackson. R.

Master and Commander: See movie clips.

Next week: Big Fish, The Cooler, Ghosts of the Abyss, Love Actually, Love Don't Cost a Thing, Osama, The Statement, Stuck on You. Timeline and Twist and Shout: Zappa.

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