

movie clips

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Irreverent sci-fi comedy based on the late Douglas Adams' cult novel follows the adventures in space of the most ordinary man in the world, Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman). Dent and his best friend (Mos Def) barely make it off the planet before it is demolished to make way for a hyperspace freeway. Directed by Garth Jennings, film also stars Sam Rockwell, Zoey Deschanel, John Malkovich, Warwick Davis, Helen Mirren, Thomas Lennon, Anna Chancellor, Alan Rickman and Bill Nighy; with Stephen Fry as the narrator. Great fun! PG. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Kung-Fu Hustle: In pre-revolutionary China, a small-time thief aspires to belong to an underworld gang. Stephen Chow's satiric send-up of kung-fu movies is one of the best films of 2005 so far. Highly recommended. *LA Weekly* calls it a "slapstick martial-arts masterpiece." R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Make it Funky: Documentary directed by Michael Murphy is anchored by an all-star concert in New Orleans and tells the stories of the city's legendary musicians. Performers include Fats Domino, Little Richard, Lloyd Price, the Neville Brothers. At 10 pm on 7/2 outdoors at Waterfront Blues Festival, Portland.

Nina Simone Love Sorceress: Singer, pianist, arranger and composer, Nina Simone was called the High Priestess of Soul. Rene Letzgu's documentary of her concert in Paris, 1976, is considered by many to be her best performance of all time. At 10 pm on 7/3 outdoors at Waterfront Blues Festival, Portland.

Rebound: Martin Lawrence plays a jaded, benched college basketball player who takes on teaching the fundamentals of the game to the hapless players at a junior high school. Directed by Steve Carr, also

stars Breckin Meyer. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Sin City: Based on the graphic novel by Frank Miller and directed by Miller, Robert Rodriguez (and "special guest director" Quentin Tarantino), film stars a host of players including Jessica Alba, Rosario Dawson, Elijah Wood, Bruce Willis, Benicio Del Toro, Clive Owen and Josh Hartnett. Highly recommended for style. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Street Fight: The turbulent career of a 32-year old lawyer running for mayor of Newark NJ against a four-term incumbent twice his age. Documentary by Marshall Curry raises questions about democracy, power, poverty and race. POV on 7/5; check OPB listings for time.

Suicide Circle: Waves of schoolgirls' suicides sweep Tokyo in this unusual film that blends horror, satire and crime genres for "a one-of-a-kind" cinematic brew. LateNite Bijou.

War of the Worlds: Directed by Steven Spielberg, this retelling of H.G. Wells' seminal sci-fi adventure thriller about an invasion of Earth by Martians, as seen through the eyes of ordinary people played by Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Justin Chatwin, Miranda Otto, and Tim Robbins. Opens Wednesday. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

White Heat (1949): James Cagney in one of his greatest performances as a criminal sociopath with a mother complex. Plays at 6 pm on 7/3 at DIVA. Discussion follows. Free.

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

ADVENTURING:

Cinderella Man: Russell Crowe stars as real-life, Depression Era boxer Jim Braddock; Renee Zellweger plays his supportive wife, Mae. Directed by Ron Howard, picture also stars the great Paul Giamatti. A complicated, focused and courageous fighter, Braddock not only spars in the ring but also struggles to keep his family together despite the country's widespread, crippling poverty and record unemployment. Very highest recommendations. PG-13. Cinemark. **Online Archives.**

Guess Who: Bernie Mac stars as the father of Zoe Saldana, who brings her boyfriend, Ashton Kutcher, home, and he's white! Comic retake on the 1967 Sidney Poitier movie. PG-13. Movies 12.

Herbie, Fully Loaded: More hijinx and shennanigans from that animated, but so unlike *Christine*, VW bug, Herbie as he heads to NASCAR. Starring Lindsay Lohan and Justin Long. G. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Hitch: Will Smith stars in this romantic comedy as a New York "date doctor" who helps hapless

men woo the women of their dreams. Costars Kevin James, Amber Valletta, Eva Mendes, Michael Rappaport and Adam Arkin. Directed by Andy Tennant. PG-13. Movies 12.

House of Wax: "Prey. Slay. Display." Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray star, Jaume Serra directs, and Paris Hilton's in it. R. Movies 12.

Howl's Moving Castle: Another phenomenon by Hayao Miyazaki (*Spirited Away*, *Princess Mononoke*) at the top of the charts in Japan, finally makes its way to Eugene. This time he brings us a love story about a young woman cursed into an old woman's body who must, of course, make her way in the world and find a cure. Beautiful animation and powerful stories characterize his films. Don't miss this one. PG. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Kicking and Screaming: Will Ferrell and Robert Duvall as rival youth soccer team coaches. Directed by Jesse Dylan, it also stars Mike Ditka and Kate Walsh. PG. Movies 12.

Kingdom of Heaven: Set in the 12th Century, this epic Crusades film is directed by Ridley Scott (*Gladiator*). It stars Orlando Bloom, Liam Neeson, Jeremy Irons and Eva Green. Highly recommended. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Land of the Dead: The master of zombie movies, George Romero, brings us another wacky gore-fest in which the undead have taken over the world, closing in on the living holed up in a walled city. Stars Simon Baker, John Leguizamo and Dennis Hopper. R. Cinemark.

Longest Yard, The: Lots of world-class athletes from NFL players to kick-boxers and wrestlers star along with Adam Sandler, Burt Reynolds and Chris Rock in this comic tall tale of a group of diverse inmates who team up to play against their guards. PG-13. Cinemark.

Mad Hot Ballroom: Directed by newcomer Marilyn Agreló, this doc-

umentary follows 11-year-old public school New Yorkers as they learn the meringue, rumba, tango, foxtrot & swing, transforming from reluctant students into determined competitors. This inspirational story is told by the kids, themselves, filmed in and around their schools, neighborhoods and homes. PG. Bijou.

Madagascar: Computer-animated comedy stars voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett Smith as animals who escape from the Central Park Zoo for a big city adventure. But they are captured and put on a ship headed for Africa, where they must survive in the wild. Directed by Eric Darnell (*Antz*) and Tom McGrath ("The Ren and Stimpy Show"). PG. Cinemark.

Monster-in-Law: Jane Fonda and Jennifer Lopez duke it out verbally in this comedy directed by Robert Luketic (*Legally Blonde*). Also stars Michael Vartan and Wanda Sykes. PG-13. Movies 12.

Mr & Mrs Smith: An action adventure romantic comedy thriller about a bored married couple (Angelia Jolie and Brad Pitt) who is surprised to learn that they are assassins hired to kill each other. Directed by Doug Liman (*Bourne Identity*). PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Pacifier, The: Disgraced Navy SEAL Shane Wolf (Vin Diesel) is given a new assignment to protect 5 kids from enemies of their recently deceased father - a government scientist whose top secret experiment is still in the house. Thriller? Drama? Tear-jerker? Nope, it's a comedy. PG. Movies 12.

Perfect Man, The: Mark Rosnan (*A Cinderella Story*) directs Heather Locklear and Hilary Duff in this romantic comedy about a teenager inventing the "perfect man" for her single mom. PG. Movies 12.

Robots: Chris Wedge's amusing tale of a robot lad who dreams of being an inventor. This creative world of

mechanical beings is never dull because these endearing, pieced-together, talking tin cans convey comfort and safety. Voices by Ewan McGregor, Halle Berry, Robin Williams, Mel Brooks, Amanda Bynes, Stanley Tucci, Greg Kinnear. Not preachy, but a good teaching tale about differences. Warmly recommended. PG. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

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(12:00, 12:30, 2:25, 2:55, 4:50, 5:20) 7:15, 7:45, 9:40, 10:00

Bewitched PG-13
(12:15, 12:45, 2:40, 3:15, 5:05, 5:45) 7:30, 8:15, 9:55

Batman Begins PG-13
(11:30, 1:00, 2:25, 4:00, 5:20) 7:00, 8:15, 9:30*, 9:55

Land of the Dead R
(1:00, 3:15, 5:30) 7:45, 10:00

Perfect Man* PG
(12:10, 2:35, 5:00) 7:15

Cinderella Man PG-13
(1:00*, 4:00*) 7:00, 10:00

Star War Episode 3 PG-13
(12:45, 3:50) 7:00, 10:00

Madagascar PG
(12:30, 2:40, 4:50) 7:00, 9:10

The Longest Yard PG-13
(11:30, 2:05, 4:40) 7:15, 9:50

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Rebound PG-13
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