

OPENING OR RETURNING:
2046: Hong Kong filmmaker Wong Kar Wai's follow-up to his 2000 film, *In the Mood for Love*, also stars Tony Leung and a number of Asian beauties, including Gong Li, Ziyi Zhang, Maggie Cheung and Faye Wong. Dream-like, the film is one of the most important and beautiful of the year. Very highest recommendations. R. Bijou. **See review this issue.**
Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the Eighth Dimension (1984): Cult sci-fi adventure stars Peter Heller as Burckaroo, who travels in his jet-propelled Ford Fiesta to a galactic showdown with John Lithgow. Also stars Ellen Barkin, Jamie Lee Curtis, Jeff Goldblum, Christopher Lloyd, Roasaliud Cash. PG. At 6 pm on 10/2 at DIVA. Free.
Aristocrats, The: Paul Provenza directs this obscene talent show where 100 comics tell the same filthy joke, an oldie from early vaudeville, in which unspeakable acts are performed. Each skit is original, while the joke remains the same. Comics include Paul Reiser, Jake Johannsen, Chevy Chase, Whoopi Goldberg, Gilbert Gottfried, Kevin Pollak, Bob Saget, Robin Williams, Erik Cartman, Jon Stewart, Sarah Silverman. Caution: Not for the squeamish. NR. LateNite Bijou.
Cave, The: A giant underground cave system in Romania entices thrill seeking professional spelunkers Jack (Cole Hauser) and his brother Tyler (Eddie Cibrian); other divers include Piper Perabo and Morris Chestnut. The trailer is scary but cheesy. PG-13. Movies 12.
Chekovian Motifs: Kira Muratova's acclaimed 2002 film is based on a Chekov story and play about a dead woman who appears at her former lover's wedding. At 7 pm on 10/5 in 115 Pacific, UO. In Russian, with English subtitles. Free.
Dukes of Hazzard: Good ole boy cousins Seann William Scott and Johnny Knoxville are drivin' the back roads of Hazzard County with cousin Jessica Simpson. With Willie Nelson, Burt Reynolds, Joe Don Baker and Lynda Carter. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**
Greatest Game Ever Played, The:

Bill Paxton directs this story about a forgotten sports hero, an amateur golf player from a working class family, Francis Ouimet (Shia LeBeouf (*Holes*), who beats the world champion golfer (Stephen Dillane) in the 1913 U.S. Open. Also stars Elias Koteas, Peyton List, Peter Firth, Josh Fitter. PG. Cinemark. Cinema World.
History of Violence, A: After foiling a robbery in his small-town diner, Viggo Mortensen's quiet life with his wife and two children is plunged into a media circus, which attracts some unsavory characters who claim they are from his shady past. Directed by the great David Cronenberg, the film also stars Maria Bello, William Hurt and Ed Harris. R. Cinemark.
In Her Shoes: Directed by Curtis Hanson. Sisters Maggie (Cameron Diaz) and Rose (Toni Collette) have little in common, but after a major break, they find their way back together with the help of a grandmother (Shirley MacLaine) they didn't know existed. PG-13. Sneak at 7:30 pm on 9/30 and 10/01. Cinemark.
Into the Blue: Divers Paul Walker, Jessica Alba, Scott Caan and Ashley Scott discover a legendary shipwreck but also something more mysterious. Directed by John Stockwell, movie also stars Josh Brolin and James Frain. PG-13. Cinemark.
Man, The: Through a case of mistaken identity, law enforcement officer Samuel L. Jackson ends up with the hapless Eugene Levy. Les Mayfield directs this action, crime comedy. PG-13. Movies 12.
Miles to Surf: Journey into the world of waveriding in James Fulbright's documentary, which chronicles the adventures of Eugene's river surfing guru, Elijah Mack, and features local hip-hop group Genus Pro on the sound track. "A cosmic convergence of likeminded people." At 12:15 am on 9/30, 10/1 and 10/2. LateNite Bijou.
Oliver Twist: Roman Polanski directs a re-imagining of Charles Dickens' novel, starring Barney Clark as the orphan lured into a world of crime by evil Fagin (Ben Kingsley). PG-13. Cinemark.
Parallax: Vancouver media artist Alex MacKenzie's film is "a suite of short works performed with two antique

16mm analytic projectors." MacKenzie founded the Edison Electric Gallery of Moving Images in Vancouver, where he produces independent films and videos. From 9-11 pm on 10/3 at DIVA. \$5.
Saint Ralph: Written and directed by Michael McGowan, this comedy is about an awkward ninth grader (Adam Butcher) who needs to make a miracle to help his mom come out of a coma. Father Hibbert (Campbell Scott), a former long-distance runner, helps the kid. Jennifer Tilly plays the mom's nurse. Unsentimental is the word. PG-13. Bijou.
Serenity: Galactic outcasts 500 years in the future squabble through outer space until they meet the cannibalistic fury of savages who roam the very edge of space. Filmmaker Josh Whedon directs Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres, Alan Tudyk, Adam Baldwin, David Krumholtz and Chiwetel Ejiofor. PG-13. Cinemark.
Whale Rider: World Cinema award-winner at Sundance 2003, Niki Caro's Maori drama is about a spunky girl (Keisha Castle-Hughes), who shows her beloved but authoritarian grandfather she's able to lead the tribe, despite being a girl. Wonderful, inspiring drama features the exquisite New Zealand coast. A don't-miss movie. 2003 Academy Award Best Actress nomination for Castle-Hughes. PG-13. At 7 pm on 10/5 in 180 PLC, UO. Free.

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CONTINUING:
Batman Begins: Christopher Nolan (*Insomnia*, *Memento*) directs an all star cast to bring you the story of how young Bruce Wayne (Christopher Hale) becomes the Dark Knight. Also stars Michael Caine as Alfred Pennyworth, Liam Neeson, Gary Oldman, Morgan Freeman and Katie Holmes. PG13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**
Constant Gardener, The: Directed by Fernando Meirelles (*City of God*) and adapted from a John Le Carre novel, this thriller also stars the excellent Rachel Weisz (pronounced Vice) and

the ever masterful Ralph Fiennes, playing a career diplomat who plunges into the mystery of his wife's murder. He uncovers a world-wide pharmaceutical industry criminal conspiracy. Also stars Danny Huston, Bill Nighy. One of the best of 2005. R. Cinema World. Cinemark. **Online archives.**
Corpse Bride, Tim Burton's: Stop-motion animated film set in a 19th century European village is voiced by Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham-Carter and Emily Watson. PG. Cinemark. Cinema World.
Exorcism of Emily Rose, The: Scott Derrickson directs this unusual film, which incorporates horror with a compelling courtroom drama. Stars Laura Linney as an ambitious attorney, Jennifer Carpenter as a murder victim. With Tom Wilkinson, Colm Feore, Campbell Scott and Shohreh Aghdashloo. PG-13. Cinemark.
Fantastic Four: Marvel Comic's superheroes, transformed by cosmic rays while on an outer space mission, battle the evil powers of Doctor Doom. Directed by Tim Story, movie stars Jessica Alba, Ioan Gruffudd, Chris Evans, Michael Chiklis, Julian McMahon. PG-13. Movies 12.
Fightplan: Jody Foster stars in this Brian Grazer-produced psychological thriller about a woman whose 6-year old daughter disappears without a trace mid-flight in a state-of-the-art aircraft. Directed by Robert Swenke, film also stars Peter Sarsgaard and Sean Bean. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World. **See review this issue.**
Forty-Year Old Virgin: Andy Sitzer (Steve Carell) has lived a life of involuntary chastity, and his friends are determined to do something about his state. Directed by Judd Apatow, the film stars Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd and others. R. Cinemark. **Online archives.**
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. Movies 12.
Island, The: Michael Bay directs Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johanson in an action thriller, futuristic fable of two residents of a carefully controlled

environment who discover shocking news about their reality and their fate. PG-13. Movies 12.
Junebug: One of the year's best films, a strange, sweet film about a Southern family and the prodigal son who returns to visit, with his cultured wife of six months. Going home is an humbling experience. Stars Embeth Davidtz, Alessandro Nivolla and Amy Adams. Directed by Phil Morrison, and written by Angus MacLachlan, North Carolinians who get it just right. Very highest recommendations. R. Bijou. **Online archives.**
Just Like Heaven: Romantic comedy starring Reese Witherspoon and Mark Ruffalo is set in San Francisco, where both claim a charming apartment is theirs alone. When she discovers she can walk through walls, they determine to solve the mystery. Directed by Mark Waters (*Mean Girls*, *Freaky Friday*). PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.
Lord of War: International arms dealer (Nicolas Cage) tries to stay ahead of an Interpol agent (Ethan Hawke), his competitors and his ruthless customers. Also stars Bridget Moynahan, Jared Leto, Ian Holm. R. Cinema World. Cinemark.
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. Movies 12.
March of the Penguins: Documentary director Luc Jacquet's film chronicles the oft-repeated survival of the species in the wind-strewn wilderness of Antarctica. Film tracks a pair of Emperor Penguins across continent. Includes intimate scenes of the big birds mating. The female lays one egg, passes it to the male and takes off for a three months round trip to the sea and food. Meanwhile, the male penguins don't eat but focus exclusively on keeping the eggs alive for the gestation period. G. Cinemark. Cinema World.
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. Movies 12. **Online archives.**
Roll Bounce: Directed by Malcolm Lee, this athletic, roller jam skate-off comedy stars Bow Wow, Chi McBride, Mike Epps. PG-13. Cinemark.
Skeleton Key: Something wicked lurks in the Louisiana mansion where Kate Hudson works as a live-in nurse. PG-13. Movies 12.
Stealth: Commanding officer Sam Shepard orders test pilots Jamie Foxx, Josh Lucas and Jessica Biel to bring an AI-based auto-pilot onboard. Then the machine turns renegade and takes over, right, like in Kubrick's *2001*. PG-13. Movies 12.
Transporter 2, The: Former Special Forces operative (Jason Statham) must find the kidnapper who took a boy from the wealthy family he works for. Written and produced by Lu Besson, directed by Louis Leterrier, film also stars Alessandro Gassman, Amber Valetta, Mathew Modine and Kate Nauta. PG-13. Movies 12.
Unfinished Life, An: Contemporary Western directed by Lasse Hallstrom working from a screenplay by Mark Spragg, based on his excellent 2004 novel (*EW* movie archives12/9/04). Life changes for two hard-working cowboys (Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman) who have lived on the same piece of Wyoming ranch land for 40 years when a young mother, Jean Gillyson (Jennifer Lopez), and her 10-year old daughter, Griffin (Becca Gardner), invade their familiar routine. Jean is fleeing an abusive boyfriend (Damian Lewis). Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**
Wedding Crashers: Hyper pranksters Owen Wilson and Vince Vaghn star in this throwback to a rowdier time in movies. Things go well for the boys until they meet up with Rachel McAdams and Isla Fisher and their parents, Christopher Walken and Jane Seymour. R. Movies 12.

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