

movie clips

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Archaeology Mini Film Festival: The first program includes two films: Time Team-Garden Secrets (U.K.) and Sagalassos, the Forgotten City (Belgium). Plays on 10/9 at 12 noon. \$6. Bijou.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: Tim Burton's reimagining of Roald Dahl's perennial children's favorite dark chocolate treat stars Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka with Freddie Highmore, his child co-star from Finding Neverland, along with Helen Bonham Carter. Loved it! Highest recommendations. PG. 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 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. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Gospel, The: Young singer turns his back on his church but after his father's death returns to the fold. PG. Cinemark.

Hustle & Flow: Starring Terrence Howard (*Crash, Ray*) as a Memphis pimp with a conscience who becomes a rapper, this indie film written and directed by newcomer Craig Brewer is critically regarded as one of the top films of 2005. With Anthony Anderson, Taryn Manning, Taraji Henson, Isaac Hayes, Paula Jai Parker and Ludacris. Film is a human expression of the desperate desire to make something of yourself through the music you hear deep in your bones. Great performances from Howard, Anderson, Henson and Manning are better because of Brewer's direction. Very highest recommendations. Audience and cinematography awards 2005 Sundance. R. Bijou. **Online archives.**

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. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Little Women (1933): George Cukor's screen adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's Civil War novel about the lives and loves of four sisters is regarded as the classic version. Stars Katherine Hepburn, Joan Bennett, Paul Lukas. NR. Doors open at 6:30 on 10/8 in Lorane Grange Hall 54 in Lorane, OR. \$7 fix include refreshments.

Official Story, The (Argentina, 1985): Emotionally rich story of a privileged Argentinian woman (Norma Aleandro) who slowly realizes her adopted daughter may be a child of one of the country's thousands of disappeared citizens. Powerful indictment of the junta that ruled the country by fear in the 1970s. R. Plays at 7 pm on 10/12 in 180 PLC, UO. Free.

Proof: John Madden directs Gwyneth Paltrow, Anthony Hopkins, Jake Gyllenhaal and Hope Davis in the story of a young woman who took care of her dying father and now must confront her own strengths and fears. PG-13. Cinema World.

Sky High: Son of superheroes The Commander (Kurt Russell) and Jetstream (Kelly Preston), poor Will (Michael Angarano) must go to Sky High, an elite high school, where he battles a nasty gym coach (Bruce Campbell), a bully, teen angst, parental expectations and girl problems. Wow! PG. Movies 12.

Soloist, The (1988): Oleg Nikolaeviskii's low-key film about an artist who takes destiny into her own hands, with repercussions. An even-handed depiction of the currents between men and women. Plays at 7 pm on 10/12 in 115 Pacific, UO. In Russian with English subtitles. Free.

Thumbsucker: Written and directed by Mike Mills, this offbeat comedy stars Lou Pucci as a 17-year old outsider who sucks his thumb. His mother (Tilda Swinton) and father (Vincent D'Onofrio) seek help. Great performances by these three supported by Keanu Reeves as boy's deadpan orthodontist and Vince Vaughn as his debate coach. You don't want to miss this one! Very highest recommendations. R. Bijou. **See review this issue.**

Two for the Money: Naïve former college football star (Matthew McConaughey) sells his soul to work

for a powerful bookie (Al Pacino). When trouble comes, push becomes shove. Rene Russo co-stars, and D. J. Caruso directs. R. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Waiting: Comedy about "frustrated waiters, stingy tippers and dicey food" wants to take away your appetite. Stars Ryan Reynolds, Anna Faris and Justin Long. Duh! R. Cinemark.

Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit: Nick Park's and Steve Box's outstanding creations, an eccentric inventor named Wallace and his long-suffering, silent but faithful dog, Gromit, finally reach the big screen in their first feature-length film. The mystery of a vegetable-ravaging "beast" must be solved to save the village's Giant Vegetable Competition, and our intrepid hero Wallace (voice by Peter Sallis) is just the man for the job. Lady Tottington (Helena Bonham Carter) and Victor Quartermaine (Ralph Fiennes) co-star. Most excellent, divine comedy. G. Cinema World. Cinemark.

War of the Worlds: Directed by Steven Spielberg, this retelling of H.G. Wells's 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. Riveting, challenging and moving; very highest recommendations. PG-13. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

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CONTINUING:

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.

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.**

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.

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.**

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.

Flightplan: 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. **Online archives.**

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.**

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 Flitter. PG. Cinemark. Cinema World.

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.

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 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. **See review this issue.**

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.

Junebug: One of the year's best, it's 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 Nivola 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. A cautionary tale, film is watchable and eye-opening. R. 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.

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.**

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.

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.

Skeleton Key: Something wicked lurks in the Louisiana mansion where Kate Hudson works as a live-in nurse. 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 Valletta, Mathew Modine and Kate Nauta. PG-13. Movies 12.

Wedding Crashers: Hyper pranksters Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn 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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