movie clips

OPENING OR RETURNING:

Aeon Flux: Starring Charlize Theron and Marton Csokas and directed by Karyn Kusama (*Girlfight*), this futuristic sci-fi thriller is based on characters created by Peter Chung for the MTV animated series. PG-13. Movies 12.

Constant Gardener, The: Directed by Fernando Meirelles (*City of God*) and adapted from a John Le Carre novel, this thriller stars the excellent Rachel Weisz and the quietly 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 films of 2005. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

East of Eden (1955): A smash hit when it was made, Elia Kazan's outstanding film version of John Steinbeck's epic novel is rightly called a classic. It stars James Dean as the misunderstood son of a California lettuce farmer (Raymond Massey) and brother of the good son (Richard Davalos). Also stars Jo Van Fleet and Julie Harris. Brilliant. Very highest recommendations. Plays at 6:30 pm on 1/14 in the Lorane Grange Hall 54 in Lorane, OR. $7**.**

First Descent: Documentary by Kemp Curly and Kevin Harrison about snowboarding — its history and future. Stars snowboarding greats (as themselves): Shawn Farmer, Terje Haakonsen, Nick Peralta, Hannah Tefer and Shaun White. Mountain scenery, music and action! Movies 12. PG-13.

Glory Road: Directed by James Gartner and based on a true story, the film follows Coach Dan Haskins (Josh Lucas) lead his 1966 Texas Western all-black starting lineup college basketball team to the NCAA national championship title. PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Hoodwinked: Animated comedy gives Little Red Riding Hood's adventures at Grandmother's house a real kick in the seat. Stars Xzibit, Anthony Anderson, Glenn Close, Anne Hathaway, Patrick Warburton and Jim Belushi. PG. Cinemark.

In the Land of Milk and Honey: Debut feature film by Susan Emshwiller has its Northwest premiere at 8 pm on Feb 13 in DIVA as part of the OpenLens Film and Video Festival. **See story this issue.**

Ivan's Childhood: Andrei Tarkovskii's 1963 film is a complex contemplation of WWII by the great Russian filmmaker. A 12-year old boy who has seen his family brutally murdered joins the partisans, becoming a scout serving behind enemy lines. Plays at 7 pm on 1/18 in 111 Pacific Hall, UO campus. In Russian with English subtitles. Free.

Kinsey: Bill Condon's excellent film about human sexual researcher Alfred Kinsey stars Liam Neeson, Laura Linney and Peter Sarsgaard. Frank, open-hearted and genuinely humorous, it's an entertaining, enlightening antidote to the bedroom politics of the religious right and one of 2004's best. Very highest recommendations. 2004 Academy Award nomination for Linney. R. Plays at 7 pm on 1/18 in 180 PLC, UO campus. Free. **Online archives**.

Last Holiday: Georgia Bird (Queen Latifah) gets bad news from the doctor and embarks on a holiday vacation at a grand European resort, where she charms a chef (Gerard Depardieu) and a rich man (Timothy Hutton). Also stars LIcool J, alicia Witt and Giancarlo Esposito. PG-13. Cinemark.

Life and Films of Stanley Kubrick: Eight-week course studies Kubrick's films, including *The Killing*, *Paths of Glory*, *Dr. Strangelove*, *A Clockwork Orange*, *The Shining* and more. Taught by Henry Weintraub, the class begins at 6 pm on Jan. 15 at DIVA. Registration info: call 954-8373 or go to programs@divanow.org.

OpenLens Film and Video Festival: Runs Jan. 13-15 at DIVA. **See story this issue**.

Raising Flagg: Local filmmaker Neal Miller's indie feature stars Alan Arkin, Lauren Holly and Glenne Headly in a homespun Oregon story. Arkin plays the town crank who takes his neighbor and longtime friend to court and alienates everyone. Unable to set things right, he takes to his bed and calls the children home. Funny family film will leave you smiling. PG-13. Bijou. **See review this issue.**

Saw 2: Bloody sequel to James Wan's grisly 2004 thriller stars Donnie Wahlberg. Movies 12.

Tristan & Isolde: The medieval legend of a princess and a warrior threatens to sunder a tentative peace between England and Ireland. Film stars James Franco, Sophia Myles and Rufus Sewell. PG-13. Cinemark.

Wild Strawberries (1957): Ingmar Bergman's classic fantasy about a professor who runs into a happy family in the woods. *Videohound* says it's "An intellectual and emotional masterpiece." Stars Victor Sjostrom, Bibi Andersson, Max Von Sydow, Ingrid Thulin, Gunnar Bjornstrand. Very highest recommendations. Plays at 7 pm on 1/13 in 221 McKenzie Hall (former Law School), UO campus. Free.

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BloodRayne: IMDB describes it as an action, fantasy, horror flick "driven by revenge," while The Horror Channel calls filmmaker Uwe Boll "the modern day Ed Wood." You're on your own with this one. Stars Kristiana Loken as Rayne, with support from Michelle Rodgriguez, Ben Kingsley, Michael Madsen and Billy Zane. R. Cinemark.

Breakfast on Pluto: Neil Jordan and Patrick McCabe's story of a misunderstood Irish youth (Cillian Murphy) who leaves his small town to look for his mother in London. As the troubles in Northern Ireland explode around him, he finds a way to keep himself safe, even though he attracts the wrong kind of attention as an attractive transvestite. Critically acclaimed film also stars Ruth Negga, Liam Neeson and Stephen Rea. Highest recommendations. R. Bijou. **See review this issue.**

Brigade, The: Aleksei Sidorov's 2002 critical and popular tale of the Russian "Mafia." The story follows four best friends as they choose a life of crime. Episode 2 of 15 begins at 9 pm on 1/18 in 111 Pacific, UO. In Russian with English subtitles. Free.

Brokeback Mountain: A rodeo rider (Jake Gyllenhaal) and a ranch hand (Heath Ledger) fall in love in Ang Lee's Western, adapted for the screen by Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana, based on a story by Annie Proulx. Also stars Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway and Randy Quaid. A great film; don't miss this one. It's perfect in every way. Very highest recommendations. Cinema World. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Casanova: In Lasse Hallstrom's screen version, the Italian lover Casanova is played by Heath Ledger (*Brokeback Mountain*). Sienna Miller plays the woman he wants to want him. Ledger is an athletic lover, Miller a Venetian feminist who writes popular books. Also stars Lena Olin, Oliver Platt and Jeremy Irons. Like *Shakespeare in Love* in its devotion to period details and comic conventions of mistaken identities and other plot twists. Greatly entertaining. R. Cinemark. **See review this issue**.

Cheaper By the Dozen 2: Steve Martin stars in this sequel to his 2003 family comedy, which also stars Bonnie Hunt, Piper Perabo and Hilary Duff. Directed by Adam Shankman (*The Pacifier*). PG. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Chronicles of Narnia, The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe: Four siblings walk into a magic land and meet astonishing creatures who change their lives forever. Based on C.S. Lewis' timeless stories, the film is directed by New Zealander Andrew Adamson. It stars Tilda Swinton, Rupert Everett, Jim Broadbent, Ray Winstone and children: Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes and William Moseley. PG. 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. Movies 12.

Dreamer: Inspired By a True Story: Drama about a father (Kurt Russell) who, for the love of his daughter (Dakota Fanning), sacrifices almost everything to save the life of an injured racehorse and bring the filly back to her former glory. Also stars Kris Kristofferson, Elizabeth Shue. Rated PG. Movies 12.

Family Stone, The: Everett Stone (Dermot Mulroney) brings his girlfriend (Sarah Jessica Parker) home for the holidays. Parents (Diane Keaton, Craig T. Nelson) and siblings (Rachel McAdams, Elizabeth Reaser, Luke Wilson, Ty Giordano) welcome her in their own ways. Also stars Claire Danes. Directed by Thomas G. Bezucha. PG-13. Cinema World.

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. Movies 12. **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. Movies 12. **Online archives**.

Fun With Dick and Jane: Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni star as middle-class thieves in Dean Parisot's remake of the limp 1977 comedy starring Jane Fonda and George Segal. Also stars Alec Bladwin and Angie Harmon. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World.

Good Night and Good Luck: Edward R. Murrow did more to make television a serious news venue than almost any other journalist. George Clooney's film is set in 1953, when the CBS newsman (played by David Strathairn) battled powerful Senator Joseph McCarthy (shown only in archival shots and speaking his own words).. McCarthy's witch hunting tactics were on display in the House Un-American Activities Committee, and Clooney wants us to remember Murrow's courage. As *The New York Times* puts it: "Murrow, a war hero in his own right, recognized McCarthyism as a domestic echo of Nazism." This may be the best movie of the year. Very highest recommendations. PG. Bijou. **Online archives.**

Grandma's Boy: Directed by Nicholaus Goossen, this comedy stars Allen Covert as a 35-year old viddeo-game tester who has to move in with his grandma (Doris Roberts) and her roommates (Shirley Jones, Shirley Knight). Expect lots of ageist gags. R. Cinemark.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: Starring Daniel Radcliffe. Emma Watson and Rupert Grint, this episode finds Harry's friends trying to help him through difficult times, as evidence of the presence of Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) appears. Voldemort was last seen 13 years ago, the night he murdered Harry's parents. PG-13. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Hostel: Horror flick about American college backpackers who link up with a new pal to travel in Slovakia. Executive produced by Quentin Tarantino, it's supposedly really scary but humorous. R. Cinemark.

Idiot, The: Directed by Vladimir Bortko, this 2003 screen adaptation of Dostoevsky's famous 19th century novel is appropriately faithful and beautiful. Episode 2 of 8 begins at 6 pm on 1/18 in 111 Pacific, UO. In Russian with English subtitles. Free.

Jarhead: Screen adaptation of Marine Anthony Swofford's memoir of his disorienting experiences in the Gulf War stars Jake Gyllenhaal as "Swoff," Jamie Foxx and Peter Sarsgaard. Directed by Sam Mendes. Highest recommendations. R. Movies 12. **Online archives.**

Just Friends: When Chris (Ryan Reynolds) returns to his 10-year high school reunion, he's hoping his best friend (Amy Samart) will be more than friends. PG-13. Movies 12.

King Kong: Peter Jackson's highly anticipated re-imagining of the original film stars Naomi Watts as an actress, Jack Black as an adventurous filmmaker, and Adrien Brody as a playwright. Their troubles begin when they capture a giant ape and bring him to the city. Love this movie! Very highest recommendations. PG-13. Cinemark. Cinema World. **Online archives.**

Legend of Zorro, The: The original masked man again played by Antonio Banderas is now working to gain statehood for California. (Huh?) Catherine Zeta-Jones and director Martin Campbell from the original return as well. Action adventure with a flair. PG-13. Movies 12.

Memoirs of a Geisha: Rob Marshall (*Chicago*) directs the screen version of the 1997 Arthur Golden novel, which is about a poor girl who becomes the most celebrated geisha of her time. The film stars the beautiful and talented Ziyi Zhang, Gong Li and Michelle Yeoh, with Ken Watanabe as the leading man. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Munich: Steven Spielberg's already controversial film about the secret Mossad assassins who tracked down the masked Palestinian terrorists who murdered 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics. Screenplay by Tony Kushner (*Angels in America*), film stars Eric Bana, Geoffrey Rush, Daniel Craig, Mathieu Kassovitz and Ciaran Hinds. Very highest recommendations. R. Cinemark. **Online archives.**

Producers, The: Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick reprise their award-winning Broadway performances in this adaptation by Susan Stroman of Mel Brooks-Thomas Meehan show, which was based on Mel Brook's movie, which was based on an earlier movie. So the material is familiar. But, hey, this movie also stars Will Ferrell, Uma Thurman and Andrea Martin. PG-13. Cinemark.

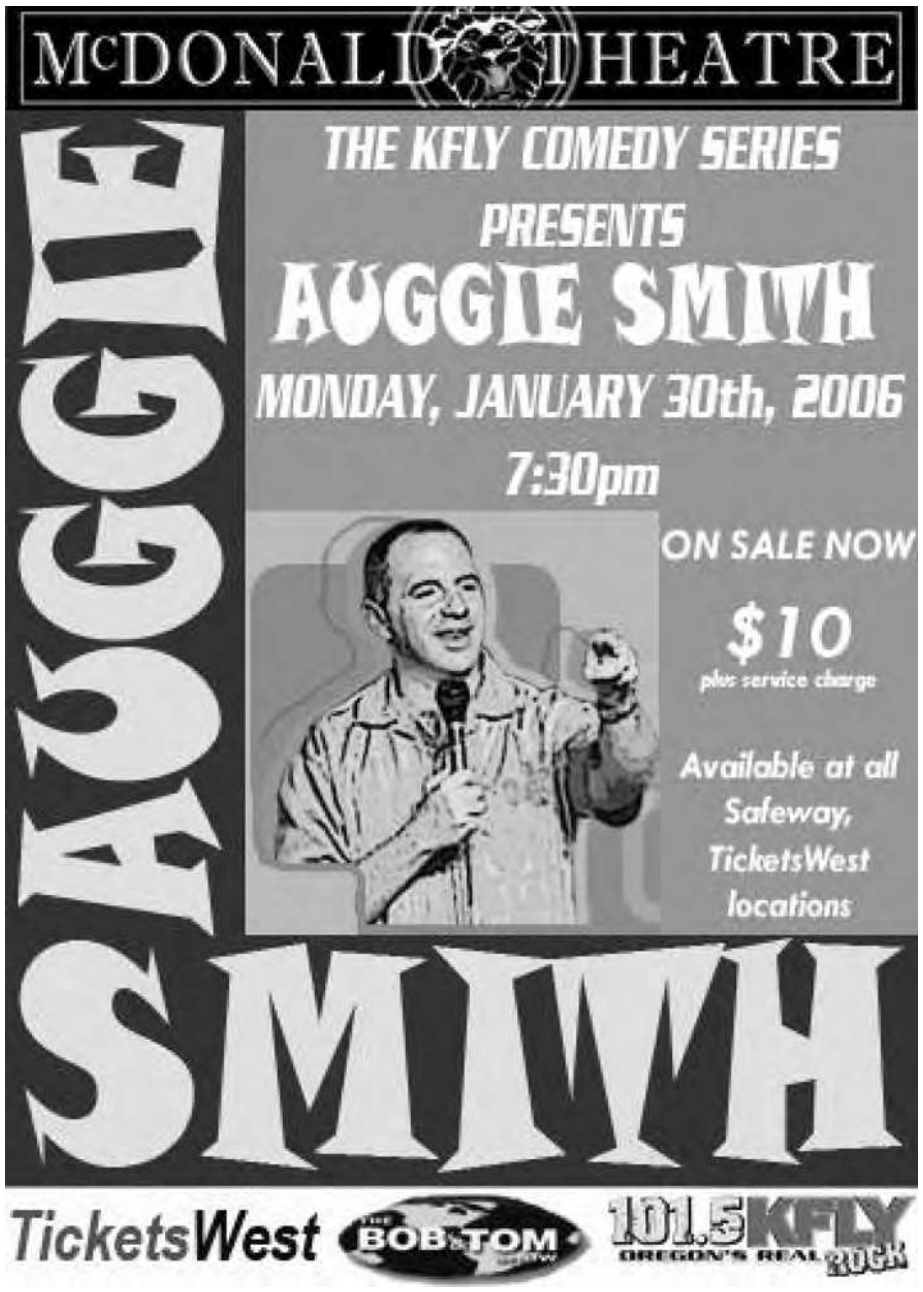
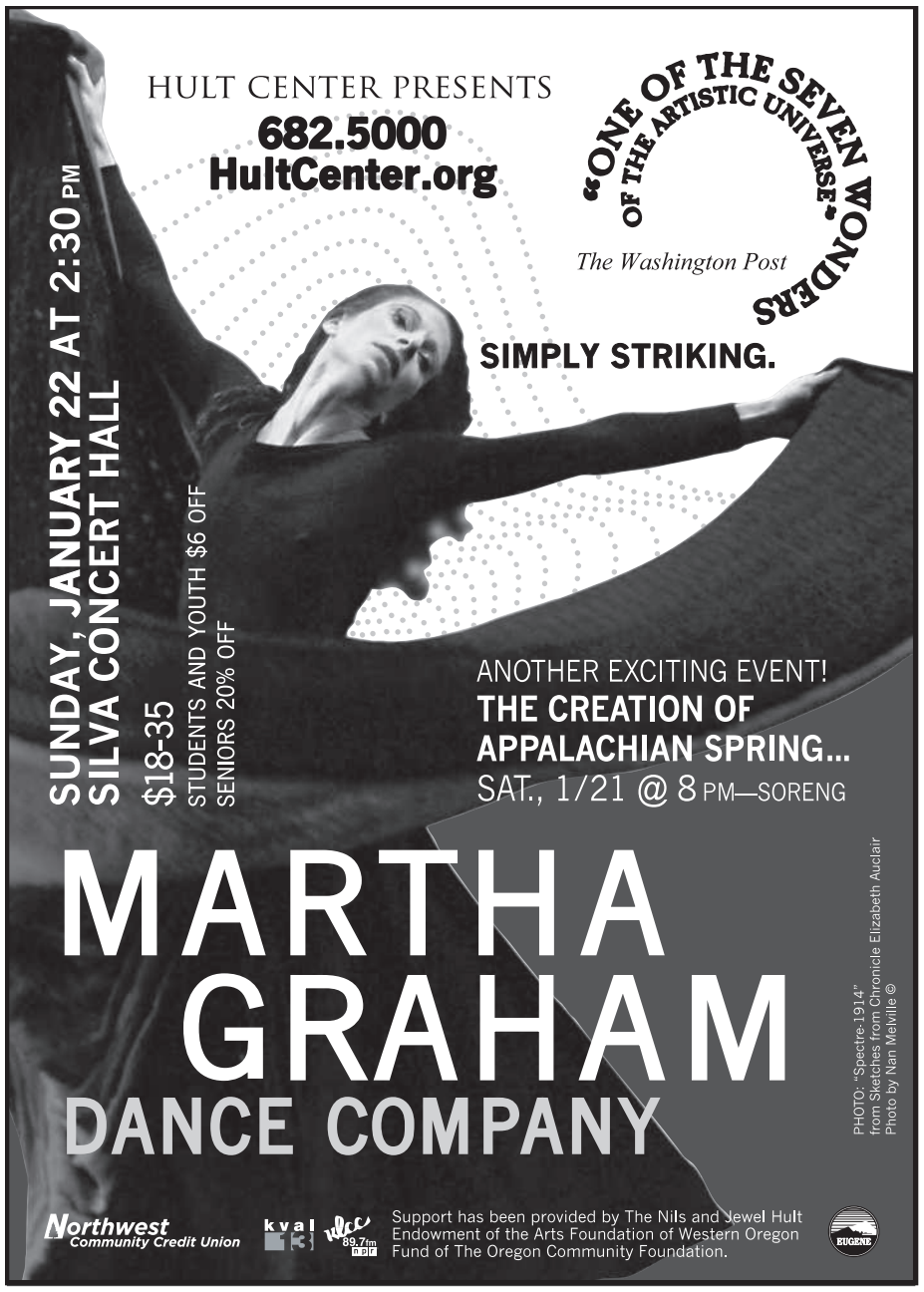
Ringer, The: Comedy directed by Barry Blaustein stars Johnny Knoxville as a gambler posing as a contestant in the Special Olympics, which he plans to fix. Also stars Brian Ciox, Katherine Heigl. PG-13. Cinemark.

Rumor Has It: This family comedy romance directed by Rob Reiner stars Jennifer Aniston, Shirley MacLaine, Mark Ruffalo, Kevin Costner and Mena Suvari. I love it when Aniston wails, "We're the Robinsons," refering to the love affair between Dustin Hoffman and Mrs. Robinson (Anne Bancroft) in Mike Nichols' 1967 great film, *The Graduate*. PG-13. Cinema World. Cinemark.

Squid and the Whale, The: Writer, director Noah Baumbach's heartfelt film about divorce stars Jeff Daniels, Laura Linney, Jesse Eisenberg and Owen Kline. Funny, poignant, and subtle, the film is one of the best of the year. Highest recommendations. R. Bijou. **Online archives.**

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. Movies 12.

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 Careter) and Victor Quartermaine (Ralph Fiennes) co-star. Most excellent, divine comedy. G. Movies 12.

Zathura: Like the 1995 hit *Jumanji*, this tale of two brothers (Josh Hutcherson, Jonah Bob) who find a peculiar board game in their basement and find out the game is true is far-fetched but fun. Jon Favreau directs, and film also stars Tim Robbins, Kristen Stewart. PG. Movies 12.

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