



The feature debut from director Garth Davis, **Lion** tells the incredible true-life story (based on the memoir *A Long Way Home*) of Saroo Bierley, who as a 5-year-old boy (Sunny Pawar) in India falls asleep on an empty train and travels some 1,600 kilometers to Calcutta, where — utterly lost and alone, and unable to speak Bengali — he falls in with street children, is nearly abducted, twice, before ending up in an orphanage, from where he is adopted out to Australian parents (David Wenham and Nicole Kidman). Fast-forward two decades and Saroo (Dev Patel), now a deracinated bourgeois Australian citizen with a girlfriend (Rooney Mara) and a college degree, is profoundly stricken with a sudden need to find his birth family. Even Michael Bay couldn't have ruined this heartbreaking and miraculous story, though at moments Davis comes close to ham-fisting it: The first and last thirds of the movie are emotionally stunning and often gut-wrenching, but the film's middle section loses its way, delivering rote cinematic clichés that lead you around faithfully by the nose. Nonetheless, this is a powerful film about one man's long, difficult journey home, and at its most compelling it speaks to our eternal search for an authentic self, often against the most impossible odds.

Lion is currently playing at Bijou Art Cinemas; bijou-cinemas.com or 541-357-0375. — *Rick Levin*

ATTENTION OPPORTUNITIES

Due date for the calendar is noon the Thursday before the Thursday issue in which you would like your event published. For example, if you'd like to be included in our Jan. 26 edition, please follow our formatting guidelines with the date, name of the event, time, place, address & send to cal@eugeneweekly.com by Thursday, Jan. 26 at noon.

Call to artists interested in displaying work at Framin' Artworks Gallery. Email 10 to 15 images to galleryfaw@gmail.com by Saturday, Feb. 4.

Call to artists for 2018 The Arts Center exhibition program, deadline Feb. 5. Online submissions of art only, at heartsceneter.net/call-artists-arts-centers-2018-exhibition-program/.

Call to photographers: Albany Visitors Association holds its 10th annual Albany Photography Contest. Submit photos by 5pm Friday, Feb. 17. More info at 928-0911.

PeaceHealth Hospice seeks volunteers. Informational meeting at hospice office, 1-3pm, Thursday, Feb. 2, 677 E. 12th Ave.

Skipping Stones Magazine student Haiku contest submissions due 5pm Monday, Feb. 13. Email editor@skippingstones.org. Students of all ages welcome to participate.

Sponsors Inc. seeks mentors interested in helping men & women transition out of state & federal corrections institutions. Call 505-5662 for information.

St. Vincent de Paul Eugene Service Station is looking for kitchen help. Contact Ashley Hensley at 743-7147 for information.

Cribbage Tournament continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26

Duplicate Bridge continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

Info Session on Eugene's Proposed Urban Growth Boundary continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

Lunchtime Tap & Growler Running Group continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

Pool Hall for seniors continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

WDYK Trivia w/Rick continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

SOCIAL DANCE Community Ecstatic Dance, 7-9pm, WOV Hall, 291 E. 8th Ave. \$5-\$15 sug. don.

Fall Dance Sampler Series, Cha Cha, 7:30pm, In Shape Athletic Club, 2681 Willamette St. \$10.

English & Scottish Country Dancing continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

Music & Dance Workshops w/ Taller de Son Jarocho continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

SPIRITUAL Insight Meditation continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

Zen Meditation continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

TEENS Japanese Manga & Cartoon Drawing Club! continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

No Shame Workshop continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

THEATER *The Emperor of the Moon* continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

The Explorer's Club continues. See Friday.

Oregon Contemporary Theatre: *The 39 Steps* continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

VOLUNTEER Care for Owen Rose Garden continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Native Plant Volunteer Work Party continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

Native Plant Nursery Volunteer Work Party continues. See Thursday, Jan. 26.

CORVALLIS AND THE REGION

THURSDAY, JAN. 26: Lecture: Former GRAMMY museum director Bob Santelli, 7:30pm, LaSells Stewart Center, OSU, Corvallis. FREE.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 1: Death Café, noon, Interzone, Corvallis. FREE.

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