

OPENING THIS WEEK: For Movies Opening Oct. 7

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BIG BUDGET FILMS

The Ides of March (R for pervasive profanity) George Clooney wrote, directed and co-stars in this adaptation of the play "Farragut North," a political potboiler about an idealistic press secretary (Ryan Gosling) who compromises a presidential candidate's prospects by becoming embroiled in a scandal while on the campaign trail. With Marisa Tomei, Paul Giamatti, Philip Seymour Hoffman Jeffrey Wright and Evan Rachel Wood.

Real Steel (PG-13 for violence, intense action and brief profanity) Futuristic sci-fi about a washed-up boxer-turned-fight promoter (Hugh Jackman) who, with the help of the young son he never knew (Dakota Goyo), trains a robot for a rock 'em-sock 'em championship bout. With Anthony Mackie, Evangeline Lilly, Kevin Durand and Hope Davis.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

1911 (Unrated) Jackie Chan directed and stars in this historical drama recounting the overthrow of the Qing Dynasty which led to the founding of the Republic of China. Cast includes Joan Chen, Bingbing Li, Winston Chao and Jaycee Chan. (In

Cantonese with subtitles)

Blackthorn (R for violence and profanity) Butch Cassidy sequel, set in Bolivia in 1908, finds the famed outlaw (Sam Shepard) teaming with a local criminal (Eduardo Noriega) as he tries to return to the States after having miraculously survived the ambush that brought down the curtain on his last adventure with the Sundance Kid. With Stephen Rea, Magaly Solier and Padraic Delaney.

Dirty Girl (R for profanity, graphic sexuality and frontal nudity) Coming-of-age road comedy, set in 1987, about an Oklahoma high school student with a bad reputation (Juno Temple) who runs away from home to L.A. to search for her long-lost father with the help of an equally-ostracized, gay classmate (Jeremy Dozier). Ensemble cast includes Milla Jovovich, William H. Macy, Mary Steenburgen, Dwight Yoakam and Tim McGraw.

Hell and Back Again (Unrated) Afghan War documentary toggling back and forth between the daily grind of a platoon fighting on the frontlines and the rehabilitation back in North Carolina of the Marine unit's 25 year-old sergeant who was evacuated after being shot in the hip. (In English and Pashtu with subtitles)

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MUSIC BY RICHARD RODGERS BOOK AND LYRICS BY OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II
BASED ON THE PLAY GREEN GROW THE LILACS BY LYNN RIGGS
ORIGINAL DANCES BY AGNES DE MILLE DIRECTED BY CHRIS COLEMAN

SEPTEMBER 20-OCTOBER 30



Boogie Cat Honored



The 5th Annual Oregon Music Hall of Fame Induction & Concert at the Newmark Theater (1111 SW Broadway) on Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. features Johnny & the Distractions and the Crazy 8's! The Hall of Fame Inductees this year are; Wheatfeild, Jeffery Frederick & the Clamtones, Sequel, Dharma Burns, Sam Henry, Phil Baker, Bob Ancheta, George Touhouliotis and Norman "the Boogie Cat" Sylvester.

Growing up in Louisiana until his family made the move to Oregon for work when he was 11 years old, he always had the blues, gospel and R&B roots of the South in his playing.

Norman has been playing music in Portland since he graduated in 1963 from Jefferson High School. He began by playing with his friend Isaac Scott in church and before school at the entrance of Jefferson. Norman played in several soul bands for the next 20 years while keeping his day job at a trucking company and raising his six children.

The Norman Sylvester Band was formed in the early 80's and has featured many, many great musicians and vocalists from our community. The band is currently working on their fourth all original album to be released this winter.

For more on the artist go to www.normansylvester.com

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