

### Kam's Kapsules: Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

OPENING THIS WEEK: Movies Opening Dec. 9

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#### BIG BUDGET FILMS

"New Year's Eve" (PG-13 for profanity and sexual references) Serendipitous romantic comedy, ala "Love Actually" and "Valentine's Day," examining the relationships issues of a number of New Yorkers whose lives intersect as midnight approaches. Ensemble cast includes Robert de Niro, Ashton Kutcher, Sarah Jessica Parker, Halle Berry, Hilary Swank, Katherine Heigl, Zac Efron, Abigail Breslin, Jessica Biel, Seth Meyers, Ludacris and Josh Duhamel.

"The Sitter" (R for crude humor, coarse sexuality, violence, drug use and pervasive profanity) Jonah Hill stars in the title role of this raunchy road comedy about a suspended college student-turned-babysitter who takes the three kids left in his care (Max Records, Landry Bender and Kevin Hernandez) out for a wild night of debauchery all around the island of Manhattan. With Sam Rockwell, Ari Graynor and Method Man.

"Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" (R for violence, profanity, sexuality and nudity) Screen adaptation of John le Carre's classic, espionage thriller, set at the height of the Cold War, about a disgraced, former head of British intelligence (Gary Oldman) who comes out of retirement to catch the Soviet mole who has infiltrated the agency's highest echelons. With Colin Firth, Tom Hardy, Toby Jones and John Hurt.

#### INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

"Fanny, Annie & Danny" (Unrated) Dysfunctional family drama about the ten-

sion which builds when three siblings (Jill Pixley, Carlye Pollack and Jonathan Leveck) return home for the holidays to their overbearing mother (Colette Keen) and emasculated father (George Killingsworth). With Nancy Carlin, Don Schwartz and Anne Darragh.

"I Melt with You" (R for profanity, violence, sexuality and pervasive drug use) Midlife crisis drama about the annual retreat taken by four former college buddies (Rob Lowe, Jeremy Piven, Christian McKay and Thomas Jane) who agree to follow through with a macabre pact they entered into as classmates a quarter-century earlier. With Carla Gugino, Sasha Grey and Arielle Kebbel.

"Knuckle" (R for profanity and violence) Fight club documentary, shot over a 12-year period and narrated by Ian Palmer, chronicling the clandestine, Irish tradition of brutal, bare-knuckle boxing.

"London River" (Unrated) WMD drama about a white Christian woman (Brenda Blethyn) and a black Muslim man (Sotigui Kouyate) who discover that her missing daughter and his missing son had been living together at the time of the terrorist attacks on London's subways and buses in the summer of 2005. Support cast includes Francis Magee, Roschdy Zem and Marc Baylis. (In English, French and Arabic with subtitles)

"Red Hook Black" (Unrated) Slice-of-life drama set against the backdrop of the Brooklyn waterfront where we find residents dealing with issues ranging from incest to sibling rivalry to the economy. Cast includes Kyle Fields, Danielle Lozeau, James Jackson and Victoria Negri.



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"Seducing Charlie Barker" (R for sexuality and pervasive profanity) Social satire of NYC's entertainment industry revolving around a married actor (Stephen Barker Turner) who suffers a fall from grace following a fling with a shallow social climber (Heather Gordon). With Daphne Zuniga, Steve Cell and Liam Vincent.

"W.E." (Unrated) Madonna wrote and directed this flashback flick revisiting the forbidden romance of divorcee Wallis Simpson (Andrea Riseborough) and King Edward VIII (James D'Arcy) as reflected upon six decades later through the eyes of an American Southerner (Abbie Cornish) stuck in an abusive marriage. With Katie McGrath, Oscar Isaac and Richard Coyle.

"We Need to Talk about Kevin" (R for violence, disturbing behavior, sexuality and

profanity) Ezra Miller plays the troubled title character in the screen adaptation of Lionel Shriver's sobering best seller about a Columbine-style, high school massacre. With Tilda Swinton, John C. Reilly and Siobhan Fallon.

"Young Adult" (R for profanity and sexuality) Bittersweet romance drama about a recently-divorced writer of children's literature (Charlize Theron) who moves back to her tiny Minnesota hometown to win back her happily-married, high school sweetheart (Patrick Wilson) only to instead form an unusual bond with another classmate (Patton Oswalt) left emotionally and physically scarred since senior year by an unfortunate tragedy. Movie marks the reunion of Juno's creative team of director Jason Reitman, scriptwriter Diablo Cody and cinematographer Eric Steelberg.

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#### Thursday December 8

NORTHERN LIGHT HOLIDAY BAZAAR! Come and join us in a day and evening of holiday shopping and fun with family and friends. 2- 8 p.m. Swedish Cultural Center, 1920 Dexter Ave. N. Free for all to enjoy.

#### Saturday December 10

AUBURN - SANTA BREAKFAST! A chance for your little one to tell Santa exactly what's on his/her list. A yummy breakfast and great entertainment.

Two separate seating available 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Children \$5/\$7 and adults are \$6/\$8 Register by calling 253-931-3043. Auburn Senior Activity Center, 808 9th St. SE Auburn, WA

GREEN LAKE PATHWAY OF LIGHTS RETURNS! Local musicians will perform at four sites around the lake. Warm drinks and treats will be available. The lighting of the path around Green Lake will take place rain or shine. Admission is free. 5 - 8 p.m.

#### Sunday December 11

PORT GAMBLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS! A weekend of traditional country Christmas. Activities, handmade crafts, tractor wagon rides and much more. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Port Gamble North Rainier Ave, Port Gamble, WA

#### Monday December 12

WINTER TRAIN AND VILLAGE AT WINTERFEST! A Winterfest crowd favorite, a turn-of-the-century village train. Members of the public can take a turn at driving the miniature locomotive between 10:30 a.m. - Noon, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.

#### Friday December 16

SILVERDALE - HOLIDAY WALKABOUT & LIGHTED BOAT PARADE! Get wrapped up in the holiday spirit in Old Town Silverdale. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. The evening will culminate with the arrival of the lighted boat parade at Silverdale Waterfront Park at 8:30 p.m.

#### Saturday December 17

THE NOISE GUY! Hear realistic noises you won't believe. See funny faces, enjoy watching adults giggle at jokes for kids. \$3 per person advance, \$5 day of show. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. High Point Community Center, 6920 34th Ave. SW For more info or tickets call 206-684-7422.

#### Sunday December 18

ELEGANT HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW! Join us in celebrating the holidays with free coffee, and hot chocolate, unique gift ideas. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Washington National Guard Armory, 2730 Oakes Ave. Everett, Wa.