

## Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

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### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**Beauty and the Beast** (G) 3-D re-release of Disney's animated, 1991 adventure about a beautiful young woman (Paige O'Hara) imprisoned in a castle by a hideous monster (Robbie Benson) who turns out to be a prince. Voice cast includes Angela Lansbury, Jerry Orbach and Jo Anne Worley.

**Contraband** (R for violence, drug use and pervasive profanity) Mark Wahlberg stars in this remake of Reyjavik-Rotterdam, the 2008 crime caper about a reformed felon who agrees to pull one last heist, a million-dollar job in Panama, to help his brother-in-law (Caleb Landry Jones) pay off a debt owed to a ruthless mobster (Giovanni Ribisi). With Kate Beckinsale, J.K. Simmons and Ben Foster.

**Don't Go in the Woods** (Unrated) Attrition-rate horror flick about a rock band which retreats with groupies into the forest to write some new songs only



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to end-up the target of a mallet-wielding maniac. Featuring Bo Boddie, Eric Bogosian, Kate O'Malley and Casey Smith.

**The Iron Lady** (PG-13 for violent images and brief nudity) Meryl Streep impersonates imperious Margaret Thatcher in this intimate portrait recounting the private life and political career of the former Prime Minister of Great Britain. With Jim Broadbent, Anthony Head and Iain Glen.

**Joyful Noise** (PG-13 for profanity and a sexual reference) Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton co-star in this musical comedy, set in small-town Georgia, about a widow and single-mom who grudgingly join forces to help their church choir



'The Divide'

rehearse for a national gospel competition. With Keke Palmer, Jeremy Jordan, Kris Kristofferson and Courtney B. Vance.

### INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

**Albatross** (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama, set on the Isle of Man, about an aspiring writer (Jessica Brown Findlay) who takes a job as a maid at a seaside hotel where she proceeds to have an affair with her boss' (Julia Ormond) husband (Sebastian Koch) while befriending the couple's teenage daughter (Felicity Jones). With Peter Vaughan, Angus Barnett and Kenneth Collard.

**The Divide** (Unrated) Apocalyptic, sci-fi thriller about nine tenants of a NYC high-rise

attempt to survive a nuclear attack barricaded in their building's basement bunker. Ensemble cast includes Rosanna Arquette, Courtney B. Vance and Milo Ventimiglia.

**Loosies** (PG-13 for violence, profanity and sexuality) Baby daddy dramedy, set in NYC, about a career pickpocket (Peter Facinelli) on the run from the bunko squad who finds himself forced to rethink his line of work after learning that a barfly (Jaimie Alexander) with whom he had a one-night stand is expecting his baby. With Michael Madsen, Joe Pantoliano and William Forsythe.

**Man on a Mission** (Unrated) Space Camp documentary chronicling computer game inventor Richard Garriott's fulfilling a life-

long dream by purchasing a \$30 million seat aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket launch.

**Robinson in Ruins** (Unrated) Eco documentary, narrated by Vanessa Redgrave, takes you on a cinematic tour of abandoned castles and factories scattered across Southern England's landscape in order to illustrate the toll that civilization has taken on the environment.

**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.



'Joyful Noise'

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### Thursday January 12

**DIVERSITY FORUM TO PROMOTE UNITY THROUGH UNDERSTANDING!** The forum will explore the issues of harassment, hate crimes and graffiti and much more. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. For more information or to reserve a seat call 425-452-7886.

### Friday January 13

**38TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION.** Seattle Community College presents Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Celebration. Inspiring words & music, keynote speaker will be Nate Miles. Noon – 1:30 p.m. Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave.

### Saturday January 14

**TEEN MARCH THIS SATURDAY TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** Teens will gather at noon to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Seattle Park that bears his name located at 2200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

### Saturday – Sunday January 14 – 15

**SEATTLE WEDDING EXPO:** Attending a bridal show is very helpful in planning your wedding! Many vendors will be giving away items as a promotion of the show. Admission is free. Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St. 10 a.m.

### Sunday January 15

**SHARE THE DREAM – A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO DR. KING.** Come celebrate the life and enduring legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 3 p.m. Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Ave. Seattle.

### Monday January 16

**RECAPTURING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S. REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.** Rally & march Garfield High School, 23rd & Jefferson St. Workshops 9:30 to 11 a.m. Rally 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. March 12:30 p.m.

### Friday January 20

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT.** Every third Friday of the month enjoy three FREE hours of safe activity packed fun for your K-5th graders. 7 – 10 p.m. Celebration Church, 11840 148th Ave. SE. In Renton.