

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

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News

Center. With Sandra Bullock, Viola Davis, John Goodman and Jeffrey Wright.

Ewan McGregor, Channing Tatum, Michael Fassbender,

modernistic reinterpretation of Shakespeare's classic play about a banished Roman general who enters an unholy alliance with a sworn enemy (Gerard Butler). With Vanessa Redgrave, Jessica Chastain and Brian Cox.



Underworld: Awakening

BIG BUDGET FILMS
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close (PG-13 for profanity, disturbing images and mature themes) Post 9/11 drama about a 9 year-old boy's (Thomas Horn) desperate search for the lock that matches the mysterious key left behind by his father (Tom Hanks) who perished in the terrorist attack on the World Trade

Haywire (R for violence) Revenge thriller, directed by Steven Soderbergh, about a special ops agent (Gina Carano) determined to track down the traitor back in the U.S. who double-crossed her and left her for dead while on a dangerous assignment in Dublin, Ireland. With Michael Douglas, Antonio Banderas,

Red Tails (PG-13 for violence) WWII saga, set in Europe in 1944, recounting the bravery of Tuskegee Army Airmen grounded because of their skin color who make the most of an opportunity to fight for their country when they are grudgingly enlisted to save the day. Ensemble cast includes Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Ne-Yo, Method Man and Gerald McRaney.

Crazy Horse (Unrated) Revealing documentary offering an eye-opening peek inside the legendary Crazy Horse, a classy strip club which has been staging choreographed, burlesque shows in Paris since 1951. (In French and English with subtitles)

massacre inside a seedy, Tijuana disco. With Irene Azuela, Jose Yenque and James Russo. (In Spanish and English with subtitles)

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Ultrasuede: In Search of Halston (Unrated) Reverential biopic celebrating the glamour and decadence of the late fashion designer Roy Halston Frowick (1932-1990). Featuring reflections by Liza Minelli, Diane von Furstenberg, Billy Joel, Andre Leon Talley and Anjelica Huston.

The Pruitt-Igoe Myth (Unrated) Urban renewal documentary about a much-ballyhooed St. Louis housing project which opened to fanfare in 1954 only to be deliberately detonated and turned to rubble just 20 years later, due to vacancies, vandalism and a host of other inner-city maladies.

Watching TV with the Red Chinese (Unrated) Cross-cultural comedy, set in NYC in 1980, revolving around a well-meaning neighbor (Ryan O'Nan) who decides to try to play big brother to a trio of transfer students (Leonard Nam, James Chen and Keong Sim) from the People's Republic. With Gillian Jacobs, Constance Wu and Idara Victor. (In English and Chinese with subtitles)

Scalene (Unrated) Triangulated, psychological thriller chronicling the quest for vengeance of the mother (Margo Martindale) of a mentally-challenged mute (Adam Scarimbo) imprisoned for raping his college-age babysitter (Hanna Hall). Support cast includes Jim Dougherty, LaDonna Pettijohn and Raymond

Underworld: Awakening (R for profanity, gore and graphic violence) Kate Beckinsale reprises her role in this sci-fi sequel as a warrior vampire who now escapes from prison to lead a confederation of werewolves and the undead in an all-out war with humanity. Featuring India Eisley, Michael Ealy and Theo James.

The Flowers of War (Unrated) Historical drama based on the Geling Yan novel about a mortician (Christian Bale) who poses as a priest in order to save the lives of prostitutes and parishioners during the Japanese's rape of Nanking. With Shigeo Kobayashi, Bai Xue and Paul Schneider. (In English, Mandarin and Japanese with subtitles)

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

The City Dark (Unrated) Light pollution expose' about the deleterious effect on the quality of life exacted by an increasingly bright planet.

Miss Bala (R for profanity, sexuality and brutal violence) Dream deferred drama about a beauty pageant contestant (Stephanie Sigman) forced to abandon her pursuit of the Miss Mexico title when she's kidnapped by a drug kingpin (Noe Hernandez) after witnessing a gangland-style

Coriolanus (R for graphic violence) Ralph Fiennes stars in the title role of this



Red Tails



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