

### Opening This Week: For Movies Opening Feb. 17



'Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance'

#### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (PG-13 for profanity, intense violence and disturbing images) 3-D Marvel Comics sequel finds stuntman-turned-demon hunter Johnny Blaze (Nicolas Cage) emerging from his self-imposed exile to protect a woman (Violante Placido) with a young son (Fergus Riordan) from the devil incarnate (Johnny Whitworth). Cast includes Ciaran Hinds, Idris Elba and Christopher Lambert.

**The Secret World of Arrietty** (G) Another animated adaptation of The Borrowers, Mary Norton's children's classic about a family of 4" tall wee people who live unnoticed beneath the floorboards of a house. Voice cast features Amy Poehler, Carol Burnett, Bridgit Mendler, Will Arnett and David Henrie.

**This Means War** (PG-13 sexuality, violence and profanity) Spy vs. spy comedy about a couple of CIA Agents (Chris Pine and Tom Hardy) who go from being best friends to sworn enemies after discovering that they're dating the same woman (Reese Witherspoon). With Chelsea Handler, Angela Bassett and Til Schweiger.



#### MOVIE REVIEWS

by Kam Williams

#### INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

**Circus Columbia** (Unrated) Midlife-crisis drama, set in Bosnia in the early Nineties, shortly before the outbreak of the civil war, about a successful businessman's (Miki Manojlovic) scandalous return home from Germany accompanied by a flamboyant mistress (Jelena Stupljanin), much to the chagrin of his estranged wife (Mir Furlan) and teenage son (Boris Ler). With Milan Strljic and Almir Mehic. (In English and Croatian with subtitles)

**Jess + Moss** (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama about the sexual awakenings experienced by a couple of kissing cousins (Sarah Hagan and Austin Vickers) over the course of a steamy summer in the tobacco fields of Western Kentucky. With Marie Coleman, Don Fleming, Haley Strode and Haley Parker.

**Michael** (Unrated) Disturbing drama chronicling the 5-month ordeal of a 10 year-old boy (David Rauchenberger) who is kidnapped and repeatedly raped in a soundproof basement by a pedophile (Michael Fuith) passing as a pillar of the community. With Christine Kain, Ursula Strauss and Victor Tremmel. (In German with subtitles)

**On the Ice** (R for profanity, violence and drug use) Alaskan crime thriller set in a tight-knit community where a couple of teenagers (Josiah Patkotak and Frank Qutuq Irelan) cover-up the killing of a friend (John Miller) by claiming he died in a seal-hunting accident. Support cast includes Adamina Kerr, Sierra Jade Sampson and Teddy Kyle Smith.



'Undeclared'

**Putin's Kiss** (Unrated) Agitprop expose' chronicling the gradual disillusionment of Vladimir Putin protégé Masha Drakova, a Russian teenager who finally wised up to the fact that she was being used by the Kremlin after the vicious attack of an opposition journalist by government goons. (In Russian with subtitles)

**Thin Ice** (R for profanity, and brief violence and sexuality) Fargo-inspired crime comedy, set in Wisconsin in the dead of winter, about an insurance agent (Greg Kinnear) who finds himself framed by an unstable locksmith (Billy Crudup) in the theft of a retired farmer's (Alan Arkin) rare violin. Supporting cast includes Bob Balaban, David Harbour and Michelle Arthur.

**Undeclared** (Unrated) Oscar-nominated documentary recounting how Memphis' Manassas High School football coach Bill Courtney turned around his team's fortunes by employing a tenderhearted, tough-love regimen.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SEATTLE 2012

#### BULLETIN BOARD



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

#### Friday February 17

**DONATED DENTAL DAY!** Seeking children and adults in need of donated dental care will be seen by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please call 425-883-1253. 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Redmond Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, 8350 164th Ave. Redmond, WA

#### Friday – Saturday February 17 – 18

**ASIAN MARKET AT OTHELLO AND MLK.** The Othello Public Market and the Washington Night Market are hosting a nighttime, multi-culture market for four consecutive weekends in honor of The Year of the Dragon. Market will include Asian theme, music dancing and food. 5 p.m. to midnight Friday & Saturday.

#### Saturday February 18

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!** Unique gifts, entertainment, food, fun for everyone. You will find it all at the Mount Zion Women's Day Marketplace and Arts Fair! 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. 1634 19th Ave. Seattle

#### Sunday February 19

**FREE WEEKEND WALKS:** Winter is beautiful at the Arboretum. Visit winter bloomers, see forms revealed when leaves are gone. 1 – 2:30 p.m. Washington Park Arboretum Graham Visitors Center, 2300 Arboretum Dr. E.

**MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST – FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!** ELC will

host a special Mardi Gras Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. Live music, free breakfast. Come join the fun and good food. Edmonds Lutheran Church, 23525 84th Ave W. Edmonds.

#### Wednesday February 22

**OPEN HOUSE! UW BIOMEDICAL, HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS:** Want to advance your career, enhance your credibility or strengthen your ability to help others? Find the right program for yourself at this free event. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. North Plaza at UW Tower, 4333 Brooklyn Ave. NE.

#### Sunday February 26

**BITTERLAKE COMMUNITY CENTER'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST!** Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, plus scrambled eggs, sausage and juice and coffee. Proceeds from this event will help provide scholarships for our low income neighbors. \$5 per person children under 4 free. 9 a.m. – noon 13035 Linden Ave. N.