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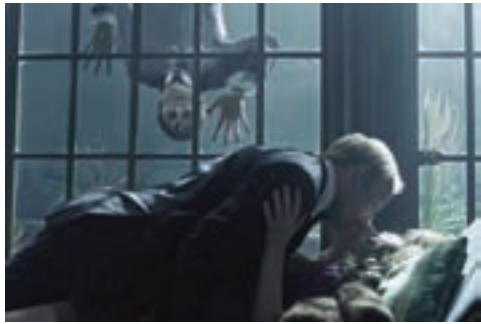
OPENING THIS WEEK: For May 11

Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

Kam Williams
Special To *The Skanner News*

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Dark Shadows (PG-13 for sexuality, profani-



ty, smoking, drug use and horror violence) Johnny Depp stars in Tim Burton's light-hearted reinterpretation of the classic TV series about a 200 year-old vampire who returns from the dead to discover dysfunctional descendants residing inside his family's ancestral Maine mansion. Cast includes Michelle Pfeiffer, Helena Bonham Carter, Chloe Moretz and Jackie Earle Haley.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

A Bag of Hammers (Unrated) Redemption comedy about a couple of con men (Jason Ritter and Jake Sandvig) forced to mature after adopting the orphaned, 12 year-old son (Chandler Canterbury) of a next-door neighbor (Carrie Preston) who has just committed suicide. With Rebecca Hall, Amanda Sefried, Gabriel Macht and Sally Kirkland.

Girl in Progress (PG-13 for sexuality, crude

humor, mature themes and underage drinking) Coming-of-age dramedy about a precocious adolescent (Cierra Ramirez) who begins experiencing pangs of sexual awakening after her single-mom (Eva Medes) starts dating a very married doctor (Matthew Modine). Cast includes Raini Rodriguez, Patricia Arquette and Landon Liboiron.

God Bless America (R for profanity, sexuality and graphic violence) Vigilante comedy about a distraught, brain cancer patient (Joel Murray) who goes on a killing spree with the help of a 16 year-old sidekick (Tara Lynne Barr) in order to rid the country of reality-TV stars and other annoying people. With Mackenzie Brooke Smith, Melinda Page Hamilton and Rich McDonald.

Hick (R for violence, drug use, profanity and underage drinking) Screen adaptation of the Derick Martini best-seller of the same name about a pistol-packing 13 year-old (Chloe Moretz) who runs away from Nebraska to Las Vegas to escape her alcoholic parents (Juliette



Lewis and Anson Mount). Support cast includes Alec Baldwin, Rory Culkin, Blake Lively and Eddie Redmayne.

I Wish (PG for smoking, and mild epithets) Surreal road adventure about inseparable siblings (Koki and Ohshiro Maeda) who dream-up a magical way of reuniting in the wake of their

parents' (Nene Ohtsuka and Jo Odagiri) divorce which left them living far apart from each other. With Isao Hashizume, Kirin Kiki and Cara Uchida. (In Japanese with subtitles)



Nesting (PG-13 profanity, sexual references and drug use) Romantic comedy about a jaded married couple's (Ali Hillis and Todd Grinnell) attempt to rekindle their romance by taking up residence as squatters in the same apartment they shared years before as carefree, young bohemians. With Kevin Linehan, Erin Gray and Alexi Wasser.

Nobody Else but You (Unrated) Quirky murder mystery about a Parisian crime novelist suffering from writer's block (Jean-Paul Rouve) who decides to investigate the alleged suicide of an attractive, aspiring actress (Sophie Quinton). Cast includes Guillaume Gouix, Olivier Rabourdin and Clara Ponsot. (In French with subtitles)

Patience (Unrated) Genre-defying biopic about W.G. Sebald (1944-2001), the iconoclastic German novelist known for his introspective writings reconciling his conscience with his

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Bank

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In another victory for Washington Mutual, Walrath said a \$435 million general unsecured claim that had been reserved pending resolution of the dispute between WaMu and the mortgage-backed securities investors could be released and made available for payment to other creditors. The judge said that because the

investors, known as the MBS plaintiffs, had no pending claims, there was no need to maintain the reserve to the detriment of other creditors.

Under a reorganization plan approved by the judge earlier this year, some \$7 billion will be distributed to creditors, including significant recoveries for

shareholders, who often are left with nothing in bankruptcy cases.

The plan is based on the settlement of lawsuits that pitted Washington Mutual Inc., JPMorgan Chase and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation against one another after the collapse of Seattle-based Washington Mutual Bank in 2008 and the sale of its

assets to JPMorgan Chase & Co. for \$1.9 billion. It was the largest bank failure in U.S. history.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEATTLE 2012



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

Friday May 11

WOMEN IN TRADES 33RD ANNUAL CAREER FAIR. Empowering women in non-traditional trades, jobs, contacts & skill building. 9 a.m. Fisher Pavilion, 305 Harrison St.

Saturday May 12

FREE SATURDAY SAIL TO CAMA BEACH STATE PARK. The Washington State Parks & Recreation and The Center for Wooden Boats invite the public to

attend the 11th annual Mother's Day Sail at Cama Beach State Park on Camano Island. The event runs from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 1880 SW Camano Dr. on Camano Island. Free for all to enjoy.

YOUTH FITNESS EXPO. Free interactive event showcasing new fitness ideas to inspire you to create your own fitness lifestyle. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Edward D. Hanson Conference Center at Comcast Arena, Everett, WA.

MIGRATE TO MAGNUSON PARK FOR THE 20TH INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY AND THE OPENING OF THE SHORE PONDS. Come to Magnuson Park and celebrate and learn about the amazing birds that travel thousands of miles to return to Seattle each year. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 7400 Sand Point Way NE

Saturday & Sunday May 12 & 13

4TH ANNUAL PIKE PLACE MARKET FLOWER FESTIVAL. Seattle's largest flower marketplace overflows into the streets on what is the biggest flower sales

weekend of the year. Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday May 17

THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS SCREENING OG : STARTING AGAIN: STORIES OF REFUGEE YOUTH. This is a free screening from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Rainier Branch, 9125 Rainier Ave. S.

FREE WESTFIELD FAMILY FUN DAYS FOR TODDLERS AND NOW KIDS 6 AND UP. This event will feature stories with quirky humor about a duck who decides to learn to ride a bike. There will be so much more the kiddos to do. 10 a.m. Westfield Shopping Center, 633 Southcenter.

Friday May 18

FUN FAMILY FLOAT. Join us for a Fun Family Float, a special evening of games, activities, prizes and fun for the whole family. Adults \$4.75 and \$3.25 for youth/seniors and special populations. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Mounger Pool, 2535 32nd Ave. W.