

Opening June 8: Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

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BIG BUDGET FILMS

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG for mild action and rude humor) Latest adventure in the animated franchise finds the anthropomorphic menagerie joining the circus in Monte Carlo to evade capture by a mean, animal control officer (Frances McDormand). Voice cast includes Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Sacha Baron Cohen, Jada Pinkett Smith, David Schwimmer and Cedric the Entertainer.

Prometheus (R for intense violence and brief profanity) Ridley Scott directed this sci-fi thriller, set in the late 21st Century, about a team of scientists whose research expedition to outer space turns into a desperate struggle for survival when they encounter a bloodthirsty race of aliens bent

on exterminating all of humanity. Starring Charlize Theron, Idris Elba, Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender and Guy Perace.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Bel Ami (R for nudity, graphic sexuality and brief profanity) Romance drama, set in Paris in the 1890s, about an ambitious young politician (Robert Pattinson) who rises to power by seducing the city's wealthiest and most-influential women. With Uma Thurman, Christina Ricci and Kristin Scott Thomas.

Corpo Celeste (Unrated) Coming-of-age drama about a 13 year-old (Yle Vianello) who resists the pressure to practice Catholicism when her family moves back to Italy after living in Switzerland for a decade. With Salvatore Cantalupo, Anita Caprioli and Paola Lavini. (In Italian with subtitles)

Dark Horse (Unrated) Todd Solondz directed this romance drama about the love which blossoms between a couple of dysfunctional adults still living with their parents, one (Jordan Gelber), a toy collector, the other (Selma Blair), a clinically-depressed, aspiring writer. Supporting cast includes Christopher Walken, Mia Farrow and Justin Bartha.

Knockdown (Unrated) Two-fisted tale of redemption about a disgraced boxer (Casey T. Evans), betrayed by a bookie, who moves from St. Louis to Bangkok where he secretly returns to the ring on the underground circuit until his past catches up with him when he's recognized by a mysterious fight fan from his hometown. With Tom Arnold, Bai Ling, Alex Veadov and Nick Faltas.

Lola Versus (R for profanity, sexuality and drug use) Greta Gerwig stars in the title role of this romantic comedy about a jilted bride-to-be's promiscuity in the wake of being dumped by her fiancé (Joel Kinnaman) just three weeks before their wedding day. Cast includes Hamish Linklater, Zoe Lister-Jones, Debra Winger and Bill Pullman.

Patagonia Rising (Unrated) Eco-documentary chronicling the battle between conservationists and an insensitive, multinational corporation planning to build five dams on free-flowing rivers in Chile's pristine Patagonia region. (In English and Spanish with subtitles)

Paul Williams: Still Alive (PG-13 for drug references and brief profanity) Reverential biopic about the legendary singer/songwriter and talk show staple best known as the composer of a string of hits in the Seventies,



'Prometheus'

including "We've Only Just Begun," "Just an Old Fashioned Love Song" and "Rainy Days and Mondays."

Peace, Love & Misunderstanding (R for drug use and sexual references)

Dysfunctional family dramedy about a tightly-wound, Manhattan attorney (Katherine Keener) in a failing marriage who takes her teenage kids (Nate Wolff and Elizabeth Olsen) upstate to Woodstock to meet their estranged grandmother (Jane Fonda) for the first time in their lives. With Kyle MacLachlan, Rosanna Arquette and Chace Crawford.

Safety Not Guaranteed (R for profanity and sexual references) Sci-fi comedy about a magazine reporter (Aubrey Plaza) who, much to the chagrin of coworkers (Karan Soni and Jake M. Johnson) also covering the story, falls head over heels for the weirdo (Mark Duplass) looking for a companion to travel back in time with him.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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

Thursday June 7

OPENING DAY FLOATING FARMERS MARKET. The market is onboard the historic steamship Virginia V with overflowing vendors on the dock. Come check this out! 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Farmboat, South Lake Union.

Friday June 8

OUT OF THIS WORLD WATER FUN. Family swim including themed games, activities and prizes. Fun for the entire family. \$4.75 Adults, \$3.25

youth/seniors/special population. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Mounger Pool, 2535 32nd Ave. W

Saturday June 9

NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION RETURNS TO DECEPTION PASS STATE PARK. The celebration runs from noon – 4 p.m. at the Bowman Bay Picnic Area on the Fidalgo Island Side of Deception Pass State Park, 41020 State Route 20 in Oak Harbor.

Sunday June 10

WATERFRONT WHINSEA FAMILY FUN DAY. The entertainment is free and it runs the gamut from comedy, extreme bubbles, games, magic, music and more. Waterfront Whimsea will take place rain or shine. Noon – 5 p.m. Waterfront Park, 1301 Alaskan Way.

35TH ANNIVERSARY SHORE RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT THE FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER SURVIVORSHIP PROGRAM. This is one of Seattle's most family-friendly and scenic events. Advance registration fees range from \$10 - \$30. 5K Run Walk 8:15 a.m. Leschi Park, 10K Run 9

a.m. – Ferdinand Park, Half Mile kids run 10:15 a.m. Madison Park. For more information visit www.fhcr.org or email shorerun@fhcr.org

Tuesday June 12

2012 TEEN EXPO. Please join us at Bear Creek Country Club for this FREE event! We will be showing off all of the latest trends in Teen Parties. Join us for free entertainment, food & activities. Please RSVP to events@bearcreekcc.com or call 425-883-4770 ext 231. 4 – 7 p.m. Bear Creek Country Club, 13737 202nd Ave. NE, Woodinville.

BELLEVUE JOB FAIR. Meet companies hiring in your area 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Red Lion Bellevue Inn, 11211 NE Main St. Bellevue.

Saturday June 16

IRANIAN CULTURAL ROOTS AND CONTEMPORARY INFLUENCES AT THE IRANIAN FESTIVAL. Influences of Persian cultures, live entertainment, poetry, and much more. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Seattle Center Armory Center House.