

## Opening This Week — July 27

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**Step Up Revolution** (PG-13 for profanity and sensuality) 4th installment in the hip-hop, street dance series, set in Miami, revolves around the classically-trained daughter (Kathryn McCormick) of a wealthy businessman (Peter Gallagher) who falls in love with a flash mob choreographer (Ryan Guzman) trying to save his 'hood from a developer's wrecking ball. With Adam Sevani, Stephen Boss and Chadd Smith.

**The Watch** (R for violence, graphic sexuality and pervasive profanity) Sci-fi comedy about members of a neighborhood crime watch (Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn, Jonah Hill and Richard Ayoade) who get more than they bargained for when they find themselves having to defend the planet from an alien invasion. With Rosemarie DeWitt, Will Forte and R. Lee Ermye.



'Step Up Revolution'



### KAM'S CAPSULES

Movie Reviews by Kam Williams

### INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

**Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry** (R for profanity) Bamboo Curtain biopic about Beijing contemporary artist/political activist Ai Weiwei, a controversial democracy and human rights advocate who has been censored for publicly criticizing the Chinese government. Includes appearances by Dangling Chen, Ying Gao and Changwei Gu. (In English and Mandarin with subtitles)

**Big Boys Gone Bananas** (Unrated) Free speech documentary about the legal battle mounted by the Dole Corporation to prevent a pair of filmmakers from airing an expose' they made about the company's poisoning of Nicaraguan farm workers. With Alex Rivera, Alfonso Allende, Arvid Jurjaks and Bernt Hermele. (In English and Swedish with subtitles)

**Falling Overnight** (Unrated) Bittersweet love story about a 22 year-old cancer patient (Parker Croft) who shares a one-night stand with a pretty photographer (Emilia Zoryan) the day before he's scheduled for brain surgery. Cast includes Jake Olson, Elizabeth Levin and Bubba Ganter.

**Searching for Sugar Man** (Unrated) Flash in the pan documentary about a couple of diehard fans from South Africa who embark on a search for the whereabouts of Sixto Rodriguez, a one-hit wonder from Detroit remembered for the 1967 single, "I'll Slip Away."

**Killer Joe** (NC-17 for nudity, brutality, graphic sexuality and dis-

turbing violence) Oscar-winner William Friedkin (for *The French Connection*) directs this screen adaptation of Tracy Letts' play of the same name about a cash-strapped gambler (Emile Hirsch) indebted to the mob who hires a cop (Matthew McConaughey) to murder his mother for her life insurance. With Gina Gershon, Juno Temple and Thomas Haden Church.

**Klown** (R for profanity, drug use, frontal nudity and graphic sexuality) Unlikely buddy comedy about a daddy-to-be (Frank Hvam) who takes his pregnant fiancée's (Mia Lyhne) 12 year-old nephew (Marcuz Jess Petersen) on a wild canoe trip to prove himself ready for fatherhood. Featuring Casper Christensen, Mads Lisby and Tina Bilsbo. (In Danish with subtitles)

**The Lion of Judah** (PG for mature themes) Faith-based animated adventure about the attempt of a brave lamb (Georgina Cordova) along with his stable mates to avoid the sacrificial altar at Easter time. Voice cast includes Michael Madsen (Virginia's brother), Scott Eastwood (Clint's son), Omar Benson Miller and the late Ernest Borgnine.

**Planet of Snail** (Unrated) Endearing documentary chronicling the day-to-day struggle to survive of deaf and blind Young-Chan and his wife, Soon-ho, who suffers from a debilitating spinal disease. (In Korean with subtitles)



'The Watch'



'Searching for Sugar Man'

**Rites of Spring** (Unrated) Payback horror flick about a gang of kidnapers whose plan to kidnap the daughter of a wealthy businessman goes horribly wrong when they have the tables turned on them by a relentless killing machine. Principal cast includes AJ Bowen, Anessa Ramsey, Marco St. John and Hannah Bryan.

**Ruby Sparks** (R for profanity, sexual references and drug use) Mind-over-matter romantic comedy about a lonely novelist with writer's block (Paul Dano) who magically materializes the perfect mate for himself by willing one of his character (Zoe Kazan) to life. With Antonio Banderas, Annette Bening, Elliott Gould and Steve Coogan. (In English and French with subtitles)

**Sacrifice** (Unrated) Screen adaptation of the play "The Orphan of Zhao," a historical drama, set in ancient China, about the sole survivor (Zhao Wenhau) of a massacre who is raised like a son by an embittered doctor (Ge You) and trained to avenge the murder of their entire clan. With Xueqi Wang, Bingbing Fan and Xiaoming Huang. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

## 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](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

#### Thursday July 26

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL & CONCERT.** Bring a picnic to the park and enjoy lively times from the Silverback's while the kids enjoy bounce houses and \$1 ice cream. 6 – 8 p.m. Loyal Heights Community Center, 2101 NW 77th St.

#### Saturday July 28

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE ANNUAL WREATHLAYING.** Washington residents are invited to pay tribute to Veterans of the Korean

War, as Veterans groups gather in Olympia to remember the 59th Anniversary of the Armistice Signing that ended the Korean War. 11 a.m. at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the East Capital Campus.

#### Sunday July 29

**HISPANIC SEAFAIR FESTIVAL.** 34th annual Hispanic community festival of music, food and art. 11 a.m. Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St.

#### Wednesday August 1

**THE FREMONT TOUR, A STREET THEATER.** Our mission is to encourage people to find their playfulness through art & history. The Fremont Tour is a mix of public sculpture and improvisational street theater. The tours begin at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tours starts at Solstice Plaza, SE corner of North 34th St. and Fremont Ave. N. Get tickets early at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

#### Friday August 3

**IKEBANA FLOWER ARRANGING.** Join us to learn

about and practice Ikebana, the Japanese cut flower arrangement. Please bring the following, one floral frog (a small metal form to hold flowers) and a low container. 1 – 3 p.m. Evergreen Hospital Medical Center, 12040 NE 128th. Kirkland. FREE

#### Saturday August 4

**POTLATCH STATE PARK PLAYS HOST TO SHELLFEST 2012.** SHELLFEST will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature fun for the whole family, including low-tide walks, maritime music and much more. Lunch will be available for free with a donation. Potlatch State Park, 21020 N. U.S. Highway 101 in Shelton.

#### Sunday August 5

**UMOJA FEST AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL:** Seattle has hosted the annual African American community festival and parade as a celebration of the City's ethnic diversity. Noon, Judkins Park, 2150 S. Norman St.