

Movies Opening This Week — Dec. 14

BIG BUDGET FILMS

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13 for epic battle scenes and scary images) Peter Jackson (The Lord of the Rings trilogy) directed this adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy novel about a human-like creature with furry feet (Martin Freeman) who is prompted by a wizard (Ian McKellen) to embark on an epic with 13 dwarfs to wrest control of a lost kingdom from the clutches of a fearsome dragon. With Richard



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

Armitage, Ken Stott and Graham McTavish.

Courtroom drama, set in the Seventies, about the custody battle waged between the state and a gay couple (Alan Cumming and Garret Dillahunt) trying to adopt a boy with Down syndrome (Isaac

Leyva) abandoned by his mother. Cast includes Frances Fisher, Gregg Henry and Don Franklin.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Any Day Now (Unrated)

Consuming Spirits (Unrated) Animated adult drama revolving around the exploits of a trio of intimate



KAM'S CAPSULES

Movie Reviews by Kam Williams

strangers living in a mythical Rust Belt town nestled deep in the Appalachian Mountains. Voice cast includes Robert Levy, Nancy Andrews, Chris Sullivan, Judith Rafael and Mary Lou Zelazny.

Jason Becker: Not Dead Yet (Unrated) Documentary demonstrating the indomitability of the human spirit about a once-promising rock & roll prodigy who is still making music 22 years after being diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Let Fury Have the Hour (Unrated) Counter-culture documentary chronicling how a generation of outspoken artists began challenging the status quo in reaction to the rise of conservatism in the Eighties. With appearances by comedian Lewis Black, rapper Chuck D., playwright Eve Ensler and novelist Edwidge Danticat.

The Loving Story (Unrated) Civil rights documentary recounting the events leading up to the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision in Loving vs. Virginia, the historic 1967 case declaring interracial marriage legal under the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. Featur-

ing archival footage of Chief Justice Earl Warren, Associate Justices Douglas, Brennan, Black, Fortas, Harlan, Clark, White and Stewart, and of plaintiffs Mildred and Richard Loving.

Save the Date (R for sexuality, profanity and brief drug use) Romantic comedy about a young woman (Lizzy Caplan) who turns to her sister (Alison Brie) for support when she rushes into a rebound relationship right after declining her boyfriend's (Geoffrey Arend) marriage proposal. With Mark Webber, Martin Starr and Melonie Diaz.

Saving Grace B. Jones (R for violence and brief sexuality) Tatum O'Neal plays the title character in this psychological thriller, set in Missouri in the Fifties, about a couple (Michael Biehn and Penelope Ann Miller) whose quiet life turns chaotic when the husband's sister comes to live with them after being released from a mental asylum. With Piper Laurie, Liberty Smith and Evie Thompson.



Let Fury Have the Hour

Trashed (Unrated) Eco-documentary, narrated by Jeremy Irons, examining the extent of the global pollution problem.

Yelling to the Sky (Unrated) Dysfunctional family drama about a biracial 17 year-old (Zoe

Kravitz) forced to fend for herself in a rough neighborhood due to an absentee mother (Yolonda Ross) and a father (Jason Clarke) given to violent mood swings. With Gabourey Sidibe, Tim Blake Nelson, Antonique Smith and Adam Tomei (Marisa's brother).



The Loving Story

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