Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, April 24

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BIG BUDGET FILMS

The Age of Adaline (PG-13 for a suggestive comment) Romantic fantasy about a well-preserved, reclusive spinster (Blake Lively), born at the dawn of the 20th Century, who starts dating a charismatic philanthropist (Michael Huisman) without letting him know she hasn't aged a day in 80 years. Plot thickens during a weekend with his parents (Harrison Ford and Kathy Baker) when her big secret is suddenly put in jeopardy. With Ellen Burstyn, Amanda Crew and Anjali Jay.

Brotherly Love

The Water Diviner (R for violence and disturbing images) Russell Crowe directed and stars in this historical drama about an Australian farmer searching in Turkey for his three sons who went missing in the Battle of Gallipoli. Cast includes Isabel Lucas, Olga Kurylenko and Megan Gale. (In English, Turkish, Greek and Russian with subtitles)

'The Lion'

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One of the most acclaimed new musicals of the ear, this one-man coming of age story involves six guitars, and "a true story of love, loss, family loyalty, and the redemptive power of music. Writer/performer Benjamin Scheuer (winner of the ASCAP Cole Porter Award for songwriting) stars. The show runs May 2-June 14, at Portland Center Stage in the Ellyn Bye Studio. Find ticket information at www.pcs.org/lion.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Adult Beginners (R for profanity and drug use) Diminished dreams dramedy about a narcissistic entrepreneur (Nick Kroll) who moves from Manhattan to the suburbs to take a job as a nanny for his sister's (Rose Byrne) children after his latest start-up crashes and burns. With Bobby Cannavale, Bobby Moynihan and Joel McHale.

Blackbird (R for teen sexuality, profanity and drug use) Coming-of-age drama about a 17 year-old, high school student (Julian Walker) struggling with his sexuality in a sleepy Southern town marked by intolerance. Cast includes Mo'Nique Isaiah Washington, Kevin Allesee and Terrell Tilford.

Brotherly Love (R for violence, profanity and ethnic slurs) Gangsta' saga, set in West Philly, revolving around a couple of star-crossed teens (Keke Palmer and Quincy Brown) who fall in love despite hailing from opposite sides of the proverbial tracks. With Cory Hardrict, Romeo Miller, Macy Gray, Eric D. Hill, Jr. and Faizon Love.

Emptying the Skies (Unrated) Endangered species expose' chronicling the decimation of the migratory songbird population now facing extinction due to flagrant poaching of the rapidly-disappearing species. (In English, Italian, French and German with subtitles)

The Forger (R for violence and profanity) John Travolta stars as the title character in this crime thriller as a recently-paroled thief who conspires with his father (Christopher Plummer) to steal a Monet from a museum and replace it with a fake. With Abigail Spencer, Anson Mount, Tye Sheridan and Jennifer Ehle.

Helicopter Mom (Unrated) Nia Vardalos (My Big Fat Greek Wedding) handles the title role in this dysfunctional family comedy about a meddling mom who becomes obsessed with her possibly-gay, college-bound son's (Jason Dolley) sexual orientation. Supporting cast includes Skyler Samuels, Kate Flannery and Kurt Collins.

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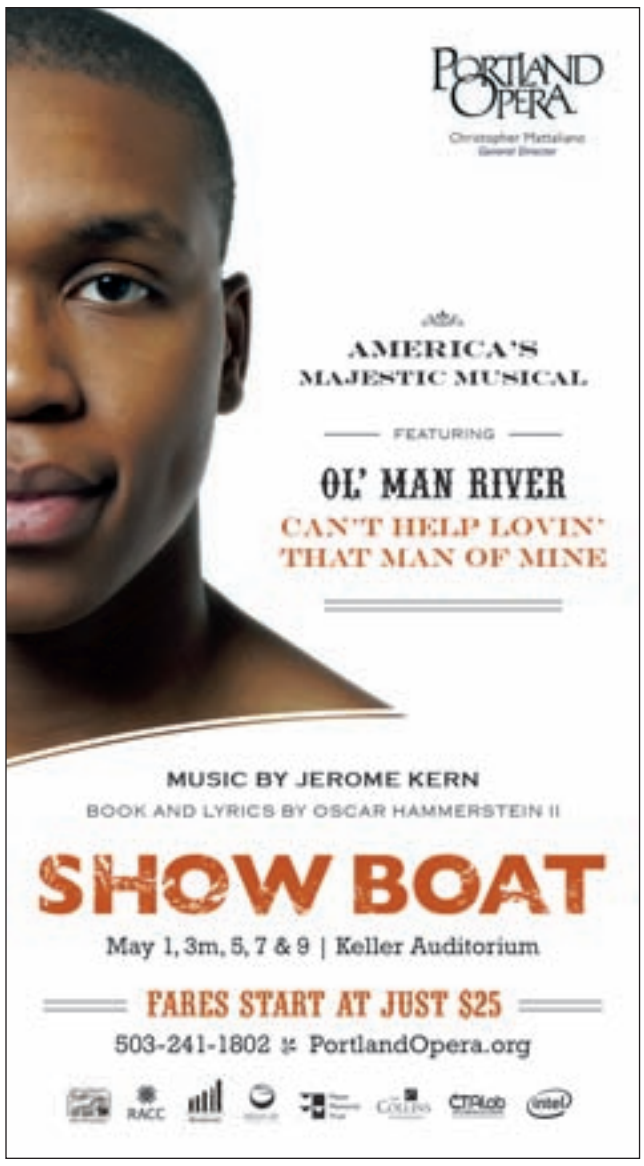
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