

# Arts & Entertainment

## Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, Nov. 25, 2016

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**Allied** (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, violence and brief drug use) Real life romance drama, set in North Africa in 1942, about a Canadian spy (Brad Pitt) who falls in love with a French Resistance fighter (Marion Cotillard) while on a dangerous mission behind enemy lines only to learn that she might be a double agent in league with the Nazis. Cast includes



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Bob Thornton is back as naughty St. Nick to hatch a plan with his evil elf sidekick (Tony Cox) to fleece a Chicago charity on Christmas Eve. With Kathy Bates, Jeff Skow-

ing around a headstrong, Polynesian teenager (Auli'i Cravalho) who embarks on a dangerous mission across the Pacific Ocean to save her people with the help of a legendary demigod (Dwayne Johnson). Voice cast includes Rachel House, Temuera Morrison and former, NFL great Troy Polamalu.

**Rules Don't Apply** (PG-13 for sexuality, mature themes, drug use and brief profanity) Warren Beatty wrote and directed this romantic dramedy, set in Hollywood in 1958, about an aspiring actress (Lily Collins) and a limo driver (Alden Ehrenreich), both employed by Howard Hughes (Beatty) who break their billionaire boss' workplace edict against fraternizing between employees. With Paul Sorvino, Candice Bergen, Annette Bening, Martin Sheen and Matthew Broderick.



Billy Bob Thornton and Tony Cox are back in 'Bad Santa 2'

Lizzy Caplan, Jared Harris and Vincent Latorre.

**Bad Santa 2** (R for sexuality, crude humor, graphic nudity and pervasive profanity) Billy

ron and Christina Hendricks.

**Moana** (PG for peril, scary images and mature themes) Seafaring animated adventure revolv-

### INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

**Always Shine** (Unrated) Suspense thriller about a couple of actress BFFs (Mackenzie Davis



Marion Cotillard and Brad Pitt in 'Allied'

and Caitlin FitzGerald) whose friendship is tested when they travel from L.A. to Big Sur for a weekend getaway in the woods. Cast includes Lawrence Michael Levine, Alexander Koch and Khan Baykal.

**Baden Baden** (Unrated) Character-driven dramedy about a fledgling, 26 year-old movie director (Salome Richard) who returns home to Strasbourg for the summer after her foreign film shoot falls through. Featuring Claude Gensac, Lazare Gousseau and Swann Arlaud. (In English, German and French with subtitles)

**Behind the Cove** (Unrated) Cruelty to animals documentary countering the negative publicity disseminated about the Japanese whaling industry by the Oscar-win-

ning expose **The Cove**.

**Lion** (PG-13 for mature themes and some sensuality) Inspirational, real-life saga about a 30-year-old's (Dev Patel) search for his long-lost birth mother (Priyanka Bose) and big brother (Abhishek Bharate) back in India with the help of Google Earth, a quarter-century after being adopted by an Australian couple (Nicole Kidman and David Wenham). With Rooney Mara, Divian Ladwa and Eamon Farren. (In English, Hindi and Bengali with subtitles)

**Mifune: The Last Samurai** (Unrated) Reverential biopic, narrated by Keanu Reeves, chronicling the life and career of Toshiro Mifune, the legendary star of *The Seven Samurai*, *Rashomon*, *Yojimbo* and nu-

merous other Japanese film classics. Featuring commentary by Martin Scorsese and Steven Spielberg. (In English and Japanese with subtitles)

**Miss Sloane** (R for profanity and sexuality) Jessica Chastain plays the title character in this political thriller about a ruthless, D.C. lobbyist hired to match wits with a couple of former colleagues (Michael Stuhlbarg and Sam Waterston) representing gun manufacturers. With John Lithgow, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Mark Strong and Alison Pill.

**Seasons** (PG for mature themes) Meteorological documentary observing assorted metamorphoses in nature during the changing of the seasons. (In French with subtitles)

## FILM REVIEW: 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them'



'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' follows Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne), a British Wizard, who stops off in New York on his way home from his trip studying the Fantastic Beasts.

by **Kam Williams**  
*For The Skanner News*

It's New York harbor in 1926, which is when we are introduced to Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) as he disembarks a steamship from England that's just docked at the pier. The young wizard has to resort to a sleight of hand to slip through customs, since his suitcase is filled to the point of bursting with a unique brand of contraband.

Newt happens to be hiding a menagerie of mythical creatures with unusual names like obscurials, bowtruckles and dougals. Given the unreliable latch on his tattered, leather satchel, it doesn't take long for a mischievous niffler to escape. We soon observe the odd-looking critter breaking into a bank vault where it proceeds to indulge its insatiable appetite for gold by stuffing its pouch with glittery coins.

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# BLACK NATIVITY

A Gospel Song-Play by Langston Hughes

DIRECTED BY JERRY FOSTER

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