

# Arts & Entertainment

## Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, August 4, 2017

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**The Dark Tower** (PG-13 for action, gun violence and mature themes) Adaptation of the Stephen King sci-fi thriller about an 11 year-old adventurer (Tom Taylor) who slips into another dimension where he witnesses a showdown between an evil sorcerer (Matthew McConaughey) and a gunslinger (Idris Elba) defending the universe



Kam Williams  
*Kam's Kapsules Movie Reviews*

Oscar-winner Kathryn Bigelow (for "The Hurt Locker") directed this claustrophobic docudrama, set in the Motor City, revisiting the '67 riots

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**Kidnap** (R for violence and scenes of peril) Suspense thriller about a single-mom (Halle Berry) who turns vigilante after her young son (Sage Correa) is abducted by kidnapers. With Lew Temple, Dana Gourrier and Chris McGinn.

### INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

**Armed Response** (R for graphic violence, profanity and grisly images) Supernatural thriller about a special forces team's investigation of the mysterious slaughter of the entire staff at a black ops facility. Co-starring Wesley Snipes, Anne Heche and Gene Simmons.

**Columbus** (Unrated) Romantic dramedy, set in Indiana, about a Korean man (John Cho) who falls in love with a local librarian (Haley Lu Richardson) living with her drug-addicted mother when he comes to America to care for his comatose father. With Parker Posey, Rory Culkin and Jim Dougherty.

**Fun Mom Dinner** (R for sexuality, drug use, crude humor and per-



'Detroit'

vasive profanity) **Girls' night out** comedy about four mothers (Katie Aselton, Molly Shannon, Toni Collette and Bridget Everett) with kids in the same preschool whose simple plan to unwind over a meal turns into a wild evening they'll never forget. Featuring Hart Denton, Gerald Dewey and Leigh Dunham.

**Savage Dog** (Unrated) Action thriller about a just-paroled boxer's (Scott Adkins) quest for revenge against the mobsters responsible for murdering a loved one.

With Marko Zaror, Juju Chan and Cung Le.

**Some Freaks** (Unrated) Romantic dramedy about a one-eyed teen (Thomas Mann) who falls for a chubby high school classmate (Lily Mae Harrington) only to have their relationship fall apart when she loses 50 pounds in college. Cast includes Marin Ireland, Lachlan Buchanan and Ely Henry.

**Step** (PG for mature themes and mild epithets) Against-the-odds documentary, set at a

girls' high school in Baltimore, chronicling the effort of seniors on the step team to win a dance competition as well as scholarships to college.

**Wind River** (R for profanity, rape, graphic violence and disturbing images) Crime thriller about a rookie FBI agent (Elizabeth Olsen) who teams with a veteran game tracker (Jeremy Renner) to solve a murder after a body is discovered in the woods on an Indian reservation. With Graham Greene, Judith Jones and Jon Bernthal.



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from extinction. Supporting cast includes Abbey Lee, Dennis Haysbert and Jackie Earle Haley.

**Detroit** (R for graphic violence and pervasive profanity) Two-time

through the prism of the sadistic police interrogation of some suspected snipers. Co-starring John Boyega, Anthony Mackie, Will Poulter, Jacob Latimore and John Kra-

## Erica Ash: The 'Survivor's Remorse' and 'Real Husbands of Hollywood' Interview

By Kam Williams  
For The Skanner News



Erica Ash

**N**AACP Image Award-nominee Erica Ash is currently starring as Brigette Hart, ex-wife of Kevin Hart, on the faux reality show "The Real Husbands of Hollywood," as well as M-Chuck Calloway on the hit sitcom "Survivor's Remorse." Erica originated the roles of Addie "Micki" Harris and Dionne Warwick on Broadway in the jukebox musical "Baby, It's You!"

She also starred in several other Broadway shows, such as "The Lion King" (Nala) and "Spamalot" (Lady of the Lake). Erica's TV career started with LOGO's "The Big Gay Sketch Show" from which she was recruited to join the cast of FOX's MADtv, where she also contributed as a writer.

The highlights of her film career include "Scary Movie V" (Kendra), "Random" (Nicole), "I Can Smoke?" (Carmen) and "Mina no Ie" (Naomi). She is the creator/writer of the comedic advice blog "The Deviled Angel" and writes and produces sketch comedy for The Deviled Angel Network.

Erica enjoys giving back through various charitable organizations: the Make a Wish Foundation, Broadway Sings for Pride, The Helping Hands Campaign, Living Beyond Breast Cancer and Faithful Spouses Ministries. And she has hosted and/or participated in benefits for various theaters including the Rubicon Theatre, Pasadena Playhouse and Celebration Theater.

**Kam Williams:** Hi Erica. Congratulations on the fourth season of "Survivor's Remorse."

**Erica Ash:** Thanks, Kam. I'm excited

for our fans to see it.

**KW:** What originally interested you in the sitcom?

**EA:** I liked the idea of focusing on how the family of a star athlete deals with the mega success and I thought it had the potential to be something really smart and funny. I was right.

**KW:** How would you describe the show in 25 words or less to someone who hasn't seen it?

**EA:** It's a pointed, poignant, very prophetic roller coaster ride of a comedy that definitely gets conversations started, touching on current issues in a creatively unique way.

**KW:** Can we expect to see some exciting developments with your character, M-Chuck, this season?

**EA:** Yes! I think Mary Charles has been steadily growing throughout the seasons, especially the past two. This season continues that. But M-Chuck will always be M-Chuck and say what's on everybody's mind.

**KW:** The sitcom is produced by LeB- See INTERVIEW on page 7

*A Toast to Scholarship*  
Oregon Dove Scholarship Fundraiser

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**SHOWTIMES** **The Week of Friday, Aug. 4 through Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017**

<b>CARS 3 (G)</b> Fri-Thur: 11:45, 2:15, 5:05	<b>THE LOST CITY OF Z (PG-13)</b> Fri-Thur: 2:15, 6:45
<b>BEATRIZ AT DINNER (R)</b> Fri-Thur: 2:05, 7:25	<b>PORCO ROSSO (KURENAI NO BUTA) (PG)</b> Fri-Thur: 12:30, 4:55, 9:45
<b>IT COMES AT NIGHT (R)</b> Fri-Thur: 9:35	\$4.00 adults, \$3.00 senior citizens (65+), \$3.00 for kids (12 & under)
<b>GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2 (PG-13)</b> Fri-Thur: 11:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:20	

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Babysitting: Children 2 to 8 years old. Fri: shows starting between 3:30 pm and 8 pm. Sat - Sun: shows starting between 1 pm and 8 pm. \$9.50 per child for the length of the movie. Call to reserve a spot, no drop ins.