

Arts & Entertainment

Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, Dec. 1

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Wonder Wheel (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, smoking and mature themes) Woody Allen wrote and directed this ensemble drama, set on Coney Island in the 1950s, revolving around a carousel operator (Jim Belushi) whose waitress wife (Kate Winslet), falls for a strapping, young lifeguard (Justin Timberlake). With Juno Temple, Max Casella and Jack Gore.



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around a disgraced cop's (Chen Chang) attempt to clear his name by tracking down a fugitive (Mi Yang) who knows that he is innocent. With Yi Zhang, Shih-Chieh King and Jiayin Lei. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

24 Hours to Live (R for profanity, drug use and pervasive graphic violence) Action thriller about a recently-deceased CIA agent (Ethan Hawke who embarks on a revenge-fueled reign of terror after being mysteriously resurrected for just one day. Cast includes Paul Anderson, Rutger Hauer and Qing Xu.

Brotherhood of Blades II: The Infernal Battlefield (Unrated) Action-oriented tale of redemption, set in the Ming dynasty, revolving

Kate Upton.

Gangster Land (Unrated) Mobster saga recounts the rise of Al Capone (Milo Gibson) through the eyes of his right hand man, Jack McGunn (Sean Faris), as well as the Chicago turf war which led to the bloody St. Valentine's Day Massacre of 1929. Supporting cast includes Jason Patric, Jamie-Lynn Sigler and Mark Rolston.

Love Beats Rhymes (R for profanity and sexuality) Inspirational hip-hop drama about an aspiring poet/rapper (Azealia Banks) who finds her voice with the help of a demanding professor (Jill Scott). With Common, Method Man and Lorraine Toussaint.

Naples '44 (Unrated) World War II docudrama recounting the exploits of a British spy (Benedict Cumberbatch) in Italy near the end of the conflict. featuring archival footage of Alan Arkin, Ernest Borgnine and Keenan Wynn. (In Italian and English with subtitles)

The New Radical



'The Disaster Artist'

(Unrated) Political documentary featuring interviews with young anarchists employing a variety of high-tech methods to further their anti-establishment agenda.

The Shape of Water (R for violence, profanity, sexuality and frontal nudity) suspense thriller, set in Baltimore in 1962, about a janitor (Sally

Hawkins) working in a top secret government laboratory whose life is changed forever when she and a colleague (Octavia Spencer) make a shocking discovery. Support cast includes Michael Shannon, Richard Jenkins and Michael Stuhlbarg.

The Tribes of Palos Verdes (R for drug use, sexuality and pervasive

profanity) Dysfunctional family drama chronicling how a teenager (Cody Fern) turns to drugs while his twin sister (Maika Monroe) takes refuge in surfing to cope with their parents' (Jennifer Garner and Justin Kirk) disintegrating marriage. With Alicia Silverstone, Joely Fisher, Noal Silver and Milo Gibson.

FILM REVIEW: Animals Emerge as Unsung Heroes in 'The Star'



'The Star'

By Kam Williams
For The Skanner News

Most movies based on the Bible have limited appeal beyond the faithful, because the stories are ordinarily dry adaptations

basically recounting popular parables in straightforward fashion. A novel exception to the rule is *The Star*, an animated reimagining of the Nativity.

What makes the production unique is that it unfolds from the point of view

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JANE (NR) Fri, Mon-Thur: 12:00, 2:15, 7:25 Sat-Sun: 12:00, 7:25	THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE (PG) Fri, Mon-Thur: 12:05, 4:25 / Sat-Sun: 12:05, 2:15, 4:25
THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER (R) Fri-Thur: 2:25, 6:40, 9:25	IT (R) Fri-Thur: 4:10, 9:10
WONDERSTRUCK (PG) Fri-Thur: 11:55, 4:55	SCROOGED (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 2:00, 9:45
KINGSMAN: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE (R) Fri-Thur: 6:55	\$4.00 adults, \$3.00 senior citizens (65+), \$3.00 for kids (12 & under)

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