

Arts & Entertainment

Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, December 8

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Just Getting Started (PG-13 for profanity, suggestive material and brief violence) Unlikely-buddies comedy about a retired FBI agent (Tommy Lee Jones) and a former Mafia lawyer (Morgan Freeman), both residing in a luxurious Palm Springs resort, who reluctantly join forces to take on the mob. With Rene Russo, Joe Pantoliano and the late Glenn Headley.



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thriller, set in Baltimore in 1962, about a lonely, mute janitor (Sally Hawkins) working in a top secret government laboratory whose life is changed forever when she and a sassy colleague (Octavia Spencer) make a shocking discovery. Support cast includes Michael Shannon, Richard Jenkins and Michael Stuhlbarg. (In English, Russian and sign language with subtitles)

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Big Sonia (Unrated) Bittersweet biopic about great-grandmother, businesswoman and haunted Holocaust survivor Sonia Warshawski who, after losing her tailor shop's lease at the age of 91, recounts for posterity the horrors she witnessed at Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen and Majdanek, which included

watching her mother being marched into the gas chamber.

Hollow in the Land (Unrated) Suspense thriller revolving around a woman's (Dianna Agron) effort to clear her murder suspect brother's (Jared Abrahamson) name after he flees from the scene of the crime. Supporting cast includes Shawn Ashmore, Rachele Lefevre and Jessica McLeod.

I, Tonya (R for violence, pervasive profanity, and some sexuality and nudity) Warts-and-all biopic recounting the rise and fall from grace of Tonya Harding (Margot Robbie), the American figure skater whose bodyguard (Paul Walter Hauser) and ex-husband (Sebastian Stan) hired a mobster (Ricky Ruscetti) to break the legs of her primary rival, Nancy Kerrigan (Caitlin Carver), weeks before the two were set to compete against each other in the 1994 Winter Olympics. With Allison Janney, Bobby Cannavale and Julianne Nicholson.

Miss Kiet's Children (Unrated) Poignant profile of Kiet Engels, a



'The Shape of Water'

schoolteacher who has dedicated her career to helping recent refugees make the cultural adjustment to life in Holland. (In Dutch with subtitles)

November Criminals (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes, teen sexuality, drug use and brief violence) Adaptation of Sam Munson's young adult novel about a couple of high school seniors (Ansel Elgort and Chloe Grace Moretz) who attempt to solve the senseless murder of a classmate (Jared Kemp).

With Catherine Keener, David Strathairn and Cory Hardrict.

The Pirates of Somalia (Unrated) Adaptation of journalist Jay Bahadur's (Evan Peters) best-selling memoir of the same name recounting how, in 2008, he embedded himself with African hijackers holding Western ships for ransom. Support cast includes Melanie Griffith, Russell Posner and Barkhad "I'm the Captain Now!" Abdi. (In English and Somali with subtitles)

Quest (Unrated) Inspirational documentary, shot over the course of a decade, chronicling an African-American family's struggle to survive in a North Philly ghetto.

The Rape of Recy Taylor (Unrated) Civil rights documentary, set in 1944, recounting a Black rape victim's quest for justice in the Alabama courts with the help of the NAACP's Rosa Parks (Cynthia Erivo). With Robert Corbitt, Tommy Bernardi and Alma Daniels.



'The Rape of Recy Taylor'

The Shape of Water (R for violence, profanity, sexuality and frontal nudity) Cold War suspense

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FILM REVIEW: Frances McDormand Delivers in 'Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri'

By Kam Williams
For *The Skanner News*

Twenty years ago, Frances McDormand won an Academy Award for " Fargo," a delightful whodunit set in a tiny Minnesota town inhabited by a cornucopia of colorful local yokels. In that Coen Brothers' black comedy, she played a dedicated police chief who was tireless in her efforts to crack a murder case, despite being pregnant. "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" is a similarly dark mystery set in the Midwest that's also full of

folksy characters. But this go-round, McDormand plays Mildred Hayes, the mother of a teenager (Kathryn Newton) whose beaten and raped corpse was found lying in a ditch along a lonely stretch of road.

It's been seven months since the slaying, and the Ebbing police seem to have lost interest in apprehending the perpetrator. So, in order to light a fire under the department, Mildred rents a trio of billboards near the murder scene on which she asks Chief Bill Wil-

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SHOWTIMES

The Week of
Friday, Dec. 8 through
Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017

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| THE SQUARE (R) Fri-Thur: 11:45, 6:40 | KINGSMAN: THE GOLDEN CIRCLE (R) Fri-Thur: 6:55 |
| JANE (NR) Fri-Thur: 2:10, 7:15 | THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE (PG) Fri-Thur: 4:30 |
| THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER (R) Fri-Thur: 1:55, 9:45 | IT (R) Fri-Thur: 4:10, 9:15 |
| WONDERSTRUCK (PG) Fri-Thur: 2:40 | NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 12:00, 5:05, 9:35 |
| MY LITTLE PONY: THE MOVIE (PG) Fri-Thur: 11:40 | \$4.00 adults, \$3.00 senior citizens (65+), \$3.00 for kids (12 & under) |

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