

Arts & Entertainment

Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, Dec. 15

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Ferdinand (PG for action, rude humor and mature themes) John Cena plays the title character in this animated adventure about a peace-loving bull who'd rather stop to smell the roses than chase a matador's red cape around an arena. Voice cast includes Kate McKinnon, Anthony Anderson, Gabriel Iglesias, Boris Kodjoe and Davud Tennant.

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13 for sci-fi action and violence) Second episode in the sequel trilogy directed by Rian Johnson (Looper) finds Rey (Daisy Ridley), Finn (John Boyega) and Poe (Oscar Isaac) embarking on an epic, intergalactic adventure with the legendary Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) to unlock the mystery of "The Force." Featuring Adam Driver, Lupita Nyong'o and the late Carrie Fisher.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

The Ballad of Lefty Brown (R for profanity and violence) Bill Pull-



Kam Williams
Kam's Kapsules Movie Reviews

man assumes the title role in this Western, set on the plains of Montana, about an aging cowboy who enlists the assistance of a young gunslinger (Diego Josef) and a lawman (Tommy



'Star Wars: The Last Jedi'

Flanagan) to track down the outlaws responsible for the gruesome murder of his friend, a newly-elected U.S. Senator (Peter Fonda). Cast

includes Jim Caviezel, Kathy Baker and Joseph Lee Anderson.

Beyond Skyline (R for graphic violence and pervasive profanity) Sci-fi sequel about a veteran LAPD detective (Frank Grillo) who mounts a daring attempted rescue of his son from an alien spaceship that vacuumed the entire population of Los Angeles off the face of the Earth. With Bojana Novakovic, Johnny Weston, Kevin O'Don-

nell and Iko Uwais. (In English and Indonesian with subtitles)

Killing for Love (Unrated) Tabloid news documentary revisiting the



'Youth'

events surrounding the high-profile murder trial of University of Virginia student Elizabeth Haysom and her German boyfriend for the decapitation of both of her parents.

The Leisure Seeker (R for sexuality) Romantic romp revolving around an elderly couple (Donald Sutherland and Helen Mirren) who embark on a road trip from Boston to Key West to recapture their passion for life and love. Support cast includes Joshua Mikel, Kirsty Mitchell and Janel

Moloney.

Permanent (PG-13 for profanity, crude humor, sexual references and mature themes) Coming-of-age comedy, set in the South in 1982, revolving around a white 'tweener' (Kira McLean), new to a town, who ends up ostracized at school after her hairdresser accidentally leaves her with an afro instead of curls like her idol, Farah Fawcett. With Patricia Arquette, Rainn Wilson and Devin Albert.

Sundowners (Unrated) Buddy comedy

about a couple of jaded wedding photographers (Phil Hanley and Luke Lalonde) who get a break from the monotony when they land a gig in Mexico. Featuring Tim Heidecker, Cara Gee and Nick Flanagan.

Youth (Unrated) Coming-of-age adventure, set in the Seventies, revolving around the trials and tribulations of members of a military cultural troupe. Ensemble cast includes Xuan Huang, Miao Miao and Caiyu Yang. (In Mandarin with subtitles)

FILM REVIEW: Saoirse Shines as Rebellious Teen in 'Lady Bird'

By Kam Williams
For The Skanner News

Saoirse Ronan is only 23, but she's already been nominated for an Academy Award twice, for "Brooklyn" (2015) and "Atonement" (2005). Now, she's a shoo-in to land another nomination for her memorable turn as the title character in "Lady Bird."

It's hard to say whether three times will prove to be the charm for the Irish ingenue, since this has been a banner year for actresses, with powerful performances turned in by worthy com-



'Lady Bird'

petitors like Sally Hawkins, Frances McDormand and perennial-nominee Meryl Streep. Win or lose, Ronan de-

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BATTLE OF THE SEXES (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 7:00, 9:30	A CHRISTMAS STORY (PG) Fri-Thur: 12:25, 4:30, 9:15
THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE (PG) Fri-Thur: 2:15	WHITE CHRISTMAS (NR) Fri-Thur: 2:30, 6:45
LOVING VINCENT (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 12:50, 5:15, 9:40	\$4.00 adults, \$3.00 senior citizens (65+), \$3.00 for kids (12 & under)

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