

# Arts & Entertainment

## Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, March 23

### BIG BUDGET FILMS

**Midnight Sun** (PG-13 for partying and sensuality) Bittersweet romance about a sickly teen (Bella Thorne) who is allergic to sunlight and whose sweet soulmate (Patrick Schwarzenegger) doesn't mind that she can't go on a date before dark. Featuring Rob Riggle, Quinn Shephard and Ken Tremblent.



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**Paul, Apostle of Christ** (PG-13 for disturbing images and some violence) James Faulkner handles the title role in this faith-based biopic chronicling the evolution of St. Paul from a persecutor of Christians to a pious disciple of Jesus. Cast includes Jim Caviezel, Joanne Whalley and Olivier Martinez.

character in this animated sequel which finds Gnomeo (James McAvoy) and Juliet (Emily Blunt) recruiting a legendary sleuth and his sidekick (Chiwetel Ejiofor) to investigate the mysterious disappearance of London's lawn ornaments. Voice cast includes Maggie Smith, Michael Caine, Mary J. Blige and Ozzy Osbourne.

**Unsane** (R for profanity, violence, sexual references and disturbing behavior) Psychological thriller, directed by Steven Soderbergh, about a young businesswoman (Claire Foy) forced to confront her greatest fear after accidentally committing herself to a mental institution while trying to escape her stalker (Joshua Leonard). With Jay Pharoah, Amy Irving and Juno Temple.

### INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

**A Bag of Marbles** (Unrated) Adaptation of Joseph Joffo's World War II memoir, set in 1941, about a couple of Jewish brothers' (Dorian Le Clech and Batyste Fleurial) attempt to survive during the Nazi occupation of Paris. With Kev Adams,



'Midnight Sun'

other invasion of alien sea monsters. With Scott Eastwood, Charlie Day, Tian Jing and Adria Ar-

**Sherlock Gnomes** (PG for some rude and suggestive humor) Johnny Depp plays the title



'Pacific Rim Uprising'

Patrick Bruel and Elsa Zylberstein. (In French, German, Yiddish and Russian with subtitles)

**Final Portrait** (R for profanity, sexual references and nudity) Buddy biopic, set in 1964, chronicling the reunion in Paris of Swiss painter Alberto Giacometti (Geoffrey Rush) and his good friend, American art critic James Lord (Armie Hammer). Supporting cast includes Tony Shalhoub, James Faulkner

and Clemence Poesy. (In English, French and Italian with subtitles)

**Hichki** (Unrated) Bollywood coming-of-age drama about a young woman (Rani Mukerji) with Tourette syndrome who turns her weakness into a strength en route to landing a teaching position at an elite prep school. With Supriya Pilgaonkar and Ivan Rodrigues. (In Hindi with subtitles)

**Roxanne Roxanne** (Un-

rated) Chante' Adams plays the title character in this hip-hop drama, set in Queens in the early '80s, about a 14 year-old-girl well on her way to becoming a rap legend. Support cast includes Nia Long, Mahershala Ali and Beastie Boy Adam Horovitz.

**What We Started** (Unrated) The electronic music craze is the subject of this documentary featuring commentary by Ed Sheeran, Louie Vega and Usher Raymond.

## FILM REVIEW: Alicia Vikander Plays Acrobatic Superhero in 'Tomb Raider' Reboot

By Kam Williams  
For The Skanner News

Times have certainly changed when you find celebrated dramatic actresses opting to play action heroes in blockbuster movies. For instance, Jennifer Lawrence had already been nominated for an Academy Award (for Winter's Bone) when she agreed to star as Katniss Everdeen in the adaptation of "The Hunger Games" trilogy. And she's since been nominated for three more Oscars, winning for "Silver Linings Playbook."

Now we have Alicia Vikander taking a page out Jennifer's "playbook" by assuming the role of Lara Croft in the reboot of the "Tomb Raider" franchise. After all, Vikander had not only already won an Academy Award (for "The Danish Girl"), but also received critical acclaim for delivering mesmerizing performances in "Ex Machina" and "Testament of Youth."

The upshot is that "Tomb Raider 2.0" is blessed with a versatile lead who is



Alicia Vikander in 'Tomb Raider'

not only eye candy and kicks butt in convincing fashion but has the emotional range to induce the audience to invest in her character. What makes Vikander's accomplishments all the more impressive is the fact that English isn't even her native language, having been born and raised in Gothenburg, Sweden.

At the picture's point of departure, we find Lara eking out a living in East London as a bike courier, and training to be a kickboxer in her free time.

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<b>EARLY MAN (PG)</b> Fri-Thu: 3:00	<b>STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI (PG-13)</b> Fri-Thur: 11:55, 9:15
<b>A FANTASTIC WOMAN (UNA MUJER FANTASTICA) (R)</b> Fri-Thur: 2:30, 9:35	<b>COCO (PG)</b> Fri-Thur: 11:45, 4:30
<b>MARY AND THE WITCH'S FLOWER (MEARI TO MAJO NO HANA) (PG)</b> Fri-Thur: 5:00	<b>DARKEST HOUR (PG-13)</b> Fri-Thur: 7:00
<b>THE POST (PG-13)</b> Fri-Thur: 12:05, 7:15	<b>FLASH GORDON (PG)</b> Fri-Thur: 4:40, 9:45
<b>JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE (PG-13)</b> Fri-Thur: 2:00, 6:45	\$4 adults, \$3 senior citizens (65+), \$3 for kids (12 & under)

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