

Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening This Friday, Oct. 12

WIDE RELEASES

Bad Times at the El Royale (R for profanity, drug use, graphic violence and brief nudity) Suspense thriller revolving around seven strangers in search of redemption who rendezvous at a rundown hotel in Lake Tahoe. Co-starring Jeff Bridges, Chris Hemsworth, Dakota Johnson, Jon Hamm, Nick Offerman, Cynthia Erivo and Manny Jacinto.

First Man (PG-13 for peril, mature themes and brief profanity) Oscar-winner Damien Chazelle (for "La La Land") directed this poignant look at the inner life of astronaut Neil Armstrong over the eight years leading up to his historic lunar landing. With Claire Foy, Shea Whigham and Corey Stoll.

Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (PG for action, scary images, mature themes, rude humor and mild epithets) Spooky family comedy about three kids (Jeremy Ray Taylor, Caleel Harris and Madison Iseman) who join forces with author R.L. Stine to prevent a ventriloquist's dummy (Avery Lee Jones) from unleashing an apoca-



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lypse on Halloween. Cast includes Wendi McCleendon-Covey, Dr. Ken Jeong and Chris Parnell.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Beautiful Boy (R for profanity, brief sexuality and pervasive drug use) Real-life tale recounting a father's (Steve Carell) frustration caring for his meth-addicted son (Timothée Chalamet). With Maura Tierney, Amy Ryan, Timothy Hutton and LisaGay Hamilton.

Bigger (PG-13 for profanity, suggestive content, mature themes and brief violence) Rags-to-riches biopic chronicling how siblings Ben (Aneurin Barnard) and Joe Weider (Tyler Hoechlin) overcame poverty and anti-Semitism to found a bodybuilding empire. Supporting cast includes DJ Qualls, Steve Guttenberg and Julianne Hough.

Gosnell: The Trial of

America's Biggest Serial Killer (PG-13 for mature themes and disturbing images) Crime blotter documentary about Dr. Kermit Gosnell, the African American abortionist sentenced to life in prison for murdering babies in his Philadelphia clinic.

Jane and Emma (PG for mature themes) Faith-based docudrama, set in 1844, recounting the unlikely friendship forged between a free Black woman (Danielle Deadwyler) and the wife (Emily Goss) of Mormon founder Joseph Smith (Brad Schmidt). With Ann Bosler, Clotile Bonner and K. Danor Gerald.

Look Away (Unrated) Psychological thriller about a lonely 18-year-old (India Eisley) whose life falls apart when she swaps place with her sinister mirror image. Cast includes Mira Sorvino, Jason Isaacs and Harrison Gilbertson.

The Oath (R for violence, drug use and pervasive profanity) Dysfunctional family comedy about the argument over presidential politics which has relatives siding with either the husband (Ike



'Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween'



'Beautiful Boy'

Barinholtz) or wife (Tiffany Haddish) hosting Thanksgiving dinner. With John Cho, Billy Magnussen and Jay Duplass.

Sophie (Unrated) Sophia Mitri Schloss plays the title character in this coming of age drama about a teenager trying to wreck her mother's (Melanie Lynskey) new

relationship hoping she will reconcile with her estranged husband. Supporting cast includes John Gallagher, Jr., Danielle Brooks and Tony Hale.

FILM REVIEW: 'First Man' Explores Emotional Angst of Legendary Astronaut



'First Man'

ever, the biopic covers only 1961 through 1969, Armstrong's early years in the space program, ending with Apollo 11's historic lunar landing.

The picture reunites Damien Chazelle and Ryan Gosling, whose collaboration on the delightful musical "La La Land" (2016) netted the former the Best Director

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Neil Armstrong made history on July 20, 1969 when he became the first person to walk on the moon. In retrospect, the NASA astronaut proved to be the ideal pick for the honor, since he never subsequently sought to cash in on his celebrity status.

Instead, the reluctant hero modestly eschewed fame and fortune, with-

drawing from the lime-light in favor of sharing his pearls of wisdom with future generations in the classroom as a college professor. He even discouraged biographers until he finally agreed to cooperate with James R. Hansen on "First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong."

Published in 2005, the 768-page opus has now been adapted to the screen by Oscar-winning scriptwriter Josh Singer (for "Spotlight"). How-

SHOWTIMES Week of
Friday, Oct. 12 through
Thursday, Oct. 18

BLACKKLANSMAN (R) Fri-Thur: 1:40, 7:05	EIGHTH GRADE (R) Fri-Thur: 4:45
THE MEG (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 11:35, 9:40	SORRY TO BOTHER YOU (R) Fri-Thur: 9:05
DISNEY'S CHRISTOPHER ROBIN (PG) Fri-Thur: 11:25, 6:50	LEAVE NO TRACE (PG) 7:20
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT (PG-13) Fri-Thur: 4:15	THE INCREDIBLES 2 (PG) 11:30, 2:10, 4:25
	PRINCE OF DARKNESS (R) 2:00, 9:50 \$4 adults, \$3 seniors (65+), \$3 kids (12-)

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