

Arts & Entertainment

Kam’s Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, Dec. 14

WIDE RELEASES

The Favourite (R for profanity, nudity and graphic sexuality) Olivia Colman portrays Queen Anne (1665-1714) in this biopic revolving around the bitter battle between the Duchess of Marlborough (Rachel Weisz) and a servant (Emma Stone) for the frail monarch’s friendship and affections. With Emma Delves, Faye Daveney and Paul Swaine.

If Beale Street Could Talk (R for profanity and sexuality) Adaptation of James Baldwin’s classic novel, set in Harlem, revolving around a pregnant teenager’s (Kiki Layne) efforts to free her fiancé’ (Stephan James) falsely accused of rape. With Regina King, Teyonah Parris and Colman



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an outlaw (Jihae) to lead the resistance when the city of London morphs into a giant predator on wheels. With Hugo Weaving, Stephen Lang and Leila George.

The Mule (R for brief nudity and sexuality, and pervasive profanity) Clint Eastwood directed and stars in this crime thriller about a broke World War II vet who unknowingly agrees to transport \$3 million in cocaine across Michigan for a Mexican drug cartel. Ensemble cast includes Bradley Cooper,

set in Mexico in 1970, chronicling a year in the life of a middle-class family’s maid (Yalitza Aparicio). With Marina de Távira, Carlos Peralta and Marco Graf. (In Spanish with subtitles)

Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG for action, violence, mature themes and mild epithets) Animated reboot of the Marvel Comics franchise revolving around the adventures of a friendly neighborhood Spider-Man (Shameik Moore) from Brooklyn, who is a half-black/half Puerto Rican teen. Voice cast includes Mahershala Ali, Hailee Steinfeld, Lily Tomlin, Nicolas Cage, Zoe Kravitz and Chris Pine.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

Capernaum (R for profanity and drug use) Coming-of-age tale about a young Lebanese boy (Zain al Rafeea) who sues his parents (Fadi Yousef and Kawsar Al Haddad) for neglect while serving a 5-year sentence for attempted murder. With Yordanos Shiferaw, Cedra Izam and Nadine Labaki. (In Arabic and Amharic with subtitles)

The House That Jack Built (R for nudity, profanity, grisly images, sadistic behavior and disturbing violence) Matt Dillon plays the title character in this suspense thriller about an architect/serial killer reflecting upon each of the murders he had pains-



‘Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse’

takingly-planned over the course of his 12-year spree. Supporting cast includes Bruno Ganz, Uma Thurman and Riley Keough. (In English, German and Italian with subtitles)

The Second Time Around (Unrated) Ro-

mance drama about a couple of senior citizens (Linda Thorson and Stuart Margolin) who fall in love upon meeting at a retirement home. With Alexis Harrison, Jayne Eastwood and Don Francks.

The Wedding (Un-

rated) Romance drama, set in NYC, about a virgin bride-to-be (Nikohl Boosheri) who has no idea her orthodox Muslim fiancé’ (Sam Abbas) has a gay lover (Harry Aspinwall). With Hend Ayoub, James Penfold and Mihir Chitale.



‘If Beale Street Could Talk’

Domingo.

Mortal Engines (PG-13 for action and violence) Post-apocalyptic sci-fi about a fugitive assassin (Hera Hilmar) who joins forces with an outcast (Robert Sheehan) and

Michael Pena, Laurence Fishburne, Alison Eastwood, Taissa Farmiga and Dianne Wiest.

Roma (R for profanity, graphic nudity and disturbing images) Upstairs/downstairs drama,

FILM REVIEW: ‘Widows’ Serves as Setting for Adaptation of Brit Crime Series



‘Widows’

By Kam Williams
For The Skanner News

Widows was a British TV series which enjoyed a two-year run from 1983 to 1985. Created by legendary English author Lynda La Plante (Prime Suspect), the

popular crime show was nominated for a BAFTA award in the Best Television Drama category. In 2002, ABC turned Widows into a four-part miniseries starring Brooke Shields and Rosie Perez, but that substantially-revised

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Week of Friday, Dec. 14 through Thursday, Dec. 13

OVERLORD (R) Fri-Thu: 2:20, 9:45	THE OLD MAN & THE GUN (PG-13) Fri-Thu: 4:55
THE NUTCRACKER AND THE FOUR REALMS (PG) Fri-Thu: 11:45, 4:30	SMALLFOOT (PG) Fri-Thu: 2:45
CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? (R) Fri-Thu: 12:00, 7:25	DIE HARD (R) Fri-Thu: 4:40, 9:35
FIRST MAN (PG-13) Fri-Thu: 11:50, 6:40, 9:35	A CHRISTMAS STORY (PG) Fri-Thu: 2:00, 7:00

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