

Kam's Kapsules: Movies Opening Friday, May 10



'Pokemon Detective Pikachu'

WIDE RELEASES

The Hustle (PG-13 for profanity and crude sexuality) Unlikely-partners crime comedy ostensibly based on *Bedtime Story* (1964) and revolving around a low-brow (Rebel Wilson) and a high-class con artist (Anne Hathaway) who join forces to fleece a naive, young billionaire (Alex Sharp) of his fortune. With Tim



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eran detective's mysterious disappearance. Voice cast includes Bill Nighy, Kathryn Newton and Ken Watanabe.



'Poms'

Blake Nelson, Meena Rayann and Ingrid Oliver.

Pokemon Detective Pikachu (PG for action, peril, rude and suggestive humor, and mature themes) Kid-friendly whodunit finds a wise-cracking Pikachu (Ryan Reynolds) teaming with the 21 year-old son (Justice Smith) of his partner in order to solve the vet-

Poms (PG-13 for profanity and sexual references) Female empowerment comedy about a resident of a retirement community (Diane Keaton) who recruits a few fellow geriatrics to form a cheerleading squad. Co-starring Pam Grier, Jacki Weaver and Rhea Perlman.

Tolkien (PG-13 for war violence) Nicholas Hoult

portrays J.R.R. Tolkien in this biopic chronicling the fellowship the legendary fantasy writer forged with prep school classmates during his formative years. With Lily Collins, Colm Meaney, Patrick Gibson and Anthony Boyle.

INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

All Is True (PG-13 for profanity, mature themes and suggestive material) Kenneth Branagh directs and stars as the Bard of Avon in this biopic revisiting the last days in the life of William Shakespeare. Cast includes Judi Dench, Ian McKellen and Jack Colgrave Hirst.

The Biggest Little Farm (PG for brief profanity and mature themes) Eco-documentary about a couple that decides to develop a sustainable farm on 200 acres in Ventura County after being evicted from their tiny L.A. apartment.

Charlie Says (R for disturbing violence, graphic sexuality, frontal nudity, profanity and drug use) Crime drama revisiting the infamous Manson family murders as seen through the eyes of the three female cult members (Hannah Murray, Sosie Bacon

and Marianne Rendon) who participated in the slaughter. With Grace Van Dien, Matt Smith,

Chace Crawford and Suki Waterhouse.

My Son (Unrated) Vigilante thriller revolving around an anguished father (Guillaume Canet) willing to take the law into his own hands upon learning from his estranged wife (Melanie Laurent) wife that their 7-year-old son (Lino Papa) has suddenly disappeared while on a camping trip. Supporting cast includes Antoine Hamel, Mohamed Brikat and Marc Robert. (In French with subtitles)

The Professor and the Madman (Unrated) Literary biopic chronicling Professor James

Murray's (Mel Gibson) work on the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary with the help of a patient (Sean Penn) from a criminal lunatic asylum who provided over 10,000 entries. With Eddie Marsan, Steve Coogan and Natalie Dormer.

Serengeti Rules (Unrated) Climate change documentary following the pioneering work of five scientists whose decades-long study of the Amazon Rain Forest, the Serengeti Plains, the Arctic Ocean and the Pacific Tide Pools has led to some surprising conclusions offering hope for restoring the planet.

FILM REVIEW: Overdue Biopic Belatedly Pays Tribute to 'Bolden'

By Kam Williams
For The Skanner News

Buddy Bolden (1877-1931) was born in New Orleans, where he took up the cornet at an early age. His unique approach to the instrument involved a novel form of improvisation while playing a combination of gospel, blues and ragtime.

Well before the emergence of Louis Armstrong, Buddy was a popular bandleader credited with creating a new genre of music: jazz! Sadly, this genius has mostly been forgotten by history because no recordings or arrangements of his songs survived.

However, thanks to legendary trumpeter Wynton Marsalis in collaboration with writer/director Dan Pritzker, we now have Bolden, a brilliant biopic painting a poignant portrait of what Buddy's life might have been like. Marsalis composed, arranged and played on the soundtrack, relying on what scraps of his subject's work he could unearth.

Similarly, Pritzker cobbled together a speculative storyline based on the few facts available about Bolden. What we do know is that his career



This image released by Abramorama shows Gary Carr portraying jazz pioneer Charles "Buddy" Bolden in a scene from "Bolden," in theaters on Friday.

ended in 1907 when he was committed to the mental institution where he would spend the last of his days in obscurity.

Bolden is basically a flashback flick unfolding from the surreal perspective of a patient struggling to make sense of his life. The film stars Garry Carr who delivers a riveting performance as black man whose spirit has been broken by racism and a host of other maladies flowing from that oppression.

Don't miss this overdue tribute to a forgotten jazz pioneer!

Excellent ★★★★★

Rated R

SHOWTIMES

Week of

Friday, May 10 through

Thursday, May 16

HIGH LIFE Fri-Thur: 4:35, 9:15	US (R) Fri-Thu: 1:50, 6:45
MISSING LINK (PG) Fri-Thu: 11:45, 5:05	THE MUSTANG (R) Fri-Thu: 2:30, 9:30
PET SEMATARY (R) Fri-Thur: 9:45	CASABLANCA (1942) (PG) Fri-Thu: 11:55, 7:15
SHAZAM! (PG-13) Fri-Thu: 2:20, 7:00	\$4 adults, \$3 seniors (65+), \$3 kids (12-)
DUMBO (PG) Fri-Thu: 12:05, 4:20	

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Babysitting: Children 2 to 8 years old. Fri: shows starting between 3:30 pm and 8 pm. Sat - Sun: shows starting between 1 pm and 8 pm. \$9.50 per child for the length of the movie. Call to reserve a spot, no drop ins.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PRESENTS:

The 27th Annual
Good in the Hood
Multicultural Festival

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 21-23

King School Park, NE 6th Ave & NE Humboldt St, Portland

LIVE MUSIC!

Jazz • Blues • R&B • Latin • Pop Conscious Hip/Hop • NEO-Soul • DJ intermission

Food • Market Place • Informational Village • Kids Space • Parade

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center's **"Trauma Nurses Talk Tough"** \$6 discounted bicycle helmet sale and free health screenings, **Saturday, June 22, 12-4pm**

New! Movie in the Park, **Friday night June 21** featuring the movie "Black Panther"

Hours: Kick-off Party, music by DJ Pryce, hosted by MC Seezinin, **Friday June 21 King School Park 6-10pm. Parade (NE MLK), Saturday June 22, 11am.**

Festival continues, **Saturday and Sunday June 22-23, 11am to 10pm.**

Interested in becoming a Food Vendor, selling merchandise at the Market Place, haveing an information booth in our Information Village, participating in the Parade, becoming a Kids Space sponsor or volunteering at this year's festival? Contact **GITH Hotline at 971-302-6380**, or visit **www.goodinthehood.org**