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FOOTNOTES
(SUR QUEL PIED DANSER)
2016, Paul Calori and Kostia Testut, France, 85 min.
With Pauline Etienne, Olivier Chantreau

A down-to-earth musical inspired by the films of Jacques Demy and Stanley Donen, FOOTNOTES is set in a French provincial shoe factory rumored to be downsizing just as young Julie (Etienne) gets a crack at her first grown-up job. Drawing a link between social revolt and the musical film genre, co-directors Calori and Testut inject song and dance into a tale of feisty union women who stand up to Laurent (Loïc Corbery), the duplicitous soft-shoeing dandy of a CEO. In French with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

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“Better than LA LA LAND.” —Sara Stewart, New York Post

LOST IN PARIS

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September 15—21
Fri., 9/15 at 6 pm;
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Sun., 9/17 at 3 pm;
Thu., 9/21 at 6 pm

(Paris Pieds Nus)
2016, Dominique Abel and Fiona Gordon, France/Belgium, 83 min.
With Dominique Abel, Fiona Gordon, Emmanuelle Riva

The spirits of Chaplin and Tati live on in Abel and Gordon’s delightful mixtures of fairy-tale artifice, offbeat romance, and beautifully choreographed physical comedy. Arriving in Paris, gawky Canadian Fiona (Gordon) discovers that her beloved aunt (Riva) has disappeared. The ensuing search involves a plunge into the Seine, a Boudu-like bum (Abel), a coffin in the Père Lachaise Cemetery, and a cliffhanger climax atop the Eiffel Tower. In French and English with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

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THE OATH

This tense thriller by Icelandic auteur Kormákur (101 REYKJAVIK, JAR CITY) could be seen as the anti-TAKEN, with the heart-surgeon protagonist (well-played by Kormákur himself) taking the law into his own hands as he seeks to rescue his wayward daughter from the clutches of her drug-dealer boyfriend. But we’re in Nordic noir territory here, where the moral compass is twisted and the consequences of vigilantism increasingly dire. In Icelandic with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

2016, Baltasar Kormákur, Iceland, 104 min. With Baltasar Kormákur, Hera Hilmar

“A gripping dive into the shadows.”
—Brent McKnight, Seattle Times

SEPTEMBER 8—14
Fri., 9/8 at 2 pm and 6 pm; Sat., 9/9 at 8 pm; Sun., 9/10 at 3 pm; Mon., 9/11 at 8 pm; Tue., 9/12 at 6 pm; Wed., 9/13 at 8 pm; Thu., 9/14 at 8 pm

THE NILE HILTON INCIDENT

A corrupt police department is at the center of this provocative, fact-based policier set in Cairo just as the Tahrir Square protestors take to the streets. A frightened Sudanese maid is the only witness when a lounge singer who turns tricks is found with her throat slit in a luxury hotel room. Evidence implicates a member of parliament, the maid disappears, and hard-nosed detective Noredin (Fares) is told to lay off the case. In Arabic, Dinka, English, and French with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

2017, Tarik Saleh, Sweden/Denmark/Germany, 111 min. With Fares Fares, Mari Malek

“Unfolds like the very best of Graham Greene.”
—David Leitner, Filmmaker Magazine

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Fri., 9/15 at 2 pm and 7:45 pm; Sat., 9/16 at 3:45 pm; Sun., 9/17 at 4:45 pm; Mon., 9/18 at 7:45 pm; Tue., 9/19 at 6 pm; Wed., 9/20 at 6 pm; Thu., 9/21 at 7:45 pm
DOLORES

The untamed

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Fri., 9/8 at 8 pm;
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Mon., 9/11 at 8:15 pm;
Wed., 9/13 at 8:15 pm;
Thu., 9/14 at 6 pm

“Distills the complexity of an unstoppable woman.”
—Duane Byrge, Hollywood Reporter

The tumultuous life and groundbreaking work of Dolores Huerta are chronicled in this compelling documentary. Co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the nation’s first farm workers’ union, and strategist of the 1965 California grape boycott, the 87-year-old Huerta is seen as a tireless lifelong champion of social justice. Risking physical danger, weathering constant attacks on her character, she becomes the soul of the farm workers’ movement and its frequently unsung driving force.

DCP digital. (BS)

The Wednesday screening is a Movie Club event (see p. 3).

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CHICAGO PREMIERE!

LA REGIÓN SALVAJE
2016, Amat Escalante, Mexico/Denmark, 100 min.
With Ruth Ramos, Jesús Meza

A sexual encounter with something unseen ends badly for a young woman, whose doctor is having an affair with the brutish homophobic husband (Meza) of his sister (Ramos), but brother and sister are each separately lured by that secret presence in the woods, and the promise of pleasure beyond this world. Director Escalante (HELI) ventures into shivery territory with surreal imagery that puts him a league with Zulawski, Von Trier, and Reygadas. In Spanish with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

2017, Peter Bratt, USA, 98 min.

“The most alluringly strange movie of the year so far.”
—Michael Nordine, Indiewire

CHICAGO PREMIERE!
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Hare Krishna!

THE MANTRA, THE MOVEMENT AND THE SWAMI WHO STARTED IT ALL

2017, John Griesser, Jean Griesser, and Lauren Ross, USA, 90 min.

“A fittingly devotional tribute...the film effectively summons an evocative moment in time.”
—Michael Rechtshaffen, Los Angeles Times

In 1965, 70-year-old Srila Prabhupada arrived in New York City on a cargo ship, short on cash, contacts, or even suitable clothing for the harsh winter. This authorized documentary tells the amazing story of how Prabhupada, by the time of his death in 1977, had propagated a worldwide Krishna Consciousness movement with millions of followers, including such high-profile advocates as Allen Ginsberg, George Harrison, and Boy George. DCP digital. (MR)

September 15—20
Fri., 9/15 at 7:45 pm; Sat., 9/16 at 8 pm; Sun., 9/17 at 5:15 pm; Wed., 9/20 at 8:15 pm

This romp of a sex farce is loosely based on a couple of ribald nun-centric tales from Boccaccio's The Decameron. Under the influence of new arrival Marta (Jemima Kirke of Girls), the nuns plan to have their way with the hunky gardener (Franco) hired by clueless Father Tommasso (John C. Reilly), who has eyes for the mother superior. Tantrums and catfights ensue, and f-bombs fall from virginal lips when the learning curve proves steep for lust, lesbianism, and witchcraft. DCP digital. (BS)

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With Alison Brie, Aubrey Plaza, Dave Franco, Nick Offerman, Fred Armisen

“Pretty damn, I mean darn, funny...Aubrey Plaza is in her comfort zone and knocks it out of the park.”
—Richard Roeper, Chicago Sun-Times

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—Saskia Baron, The Arts Desk

L’IMPORTANT C’EST D’AIMER

“At once unspeakably sordid and unexpectedly transcendent, it features Schneider’s career performance and is a must for Kinski fans.”
—J. Hoberman, New York Review of Books

More than 40 years after its debut, cult director Zulawski’s masterful third feature sees its first U.S. release with its original French language track. A chance encounter between photographer Sérails (Testi) and once-promising actress Nadine (Schneider) on the set of a schlocky erotic horror film precipitates a bizarre infatuation. He endeavors to revive her career by getting her cast opposite a nervy German actor (Kinski) in an experimental staging of Richard III. In French with English subtitles. DCP digital. (Cameron Worden)

September 22—27
Fri., 9/22 at 6 pm and 8:15 pm; Sat., 9/23 at 7:45 pm; Sun., 9/24 at 5:15 pm; Wed., 9/27 at 8:15 pm

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING: LOVE
1975, Andrzej Zulawski, France, 109 min.
With Romy Schneider, Fabio Testi, Klaus Kinski

“Another quietly powerful masterpiece; it’s perhaps their best film since THE CHILD.”
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IL BOOM

CHICAGO PREMIERE!

1963, Vittorio De Sica, Italy, 88 min.
With Alberto Sordi, Gianna Maria Canale

“How did this one get overlooked?...vibrant, funny, and disturbing.”
—Bilge Eberi, Village Voice

Created by the legendary neorealist team of director De Sica and screenwriter Cesare Zavattini (BICYCLE THIEVES), this slashing satire has been hailed as a major rediscovery since receiving its first-ever U.S. release this year. Comic star Sordi plays a creature of Italy's consumption-crazy postwar prosperity. Overspending wildly, he finds himself hopelessly in debt...until a bizarre bargain is proposed to him by the wife of a wealthy industrialist. In Italian with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

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IN TRANSIT

2015, Albert Maysles, Lynn True, David Uiu, Nelson Walker III, and Benjamin Wu, USA, 76 min.

“Gently thrilling, often revealing, alive with talk and scenic beauty.”—Alan Scherstuhl, Village Voice

The final film by master documentarian Maysles (GREY GARDENS, IRIS) is an entrancing road movie set onboard Amtrak's Empire Builder during its three-day journey from Chicago to Seattle. The title is both literal and metaphoric, as passengers from all walks of life are seen poised on the brink of personal change. They include a pregnant young woman fleeing an abusive relationship, an ambitious youth out to make his fortune in the Dakota oil fields, and a hopeful lover on his way to propose. DCP digital. (BS)

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From Sept. 2 through Nov. 28, we offer a series of thirteen programs with weekly Tuesday lectures by film historian Donald Crafton, Professor Emeritus at the University of Notre Dame, and author of Before Mickey and Shadow of a Mouse. The series is presented in cooperation with the SAIC Dept. of Art History, Theory, and Criticism. Additional screenings of the films on Fri. or Sat. do not include the lecture. Admission to all Making 'Em Move programs is $5 for Film Center members; usual prices for non-members.

Lecturer: Donald Crafton

We live in an animated world. Images in synthesized motion paper our buildings, billboards, arenas, and of course our personal screens. We carry animation in our pockets and purses, wear it on our wrists. This series will explore the foundations of the present day's omnination that were established in the medium of theatrical entertainment films. The films screened offer the possibility of analyzing animation as a technology, an industrial practice, a cultural signifier, and a still-evolving genre.

—Donald Crafton

**THE GOOD DINOSAUR**

2015, Peter Sohn, USA, 93 min.  
With Raymond Ochoa, Jeffrey Wright

**Saturday, September 2, 3:00 pm  **  
**Tuesday, September 5, 6:00 pm  **

This Pixar production takes place in an alternative-history world where dinosaurs have evolved into intelligent creatures capable of speech and farming, while humans are still grunting savages. A cowardly young Apatosaur named Arlo (Ochoa) must prove his mettle in the course of a rite-of-passage journey, accompanied by a puppy-like human boy he calls Spot. Set in jaw-dropping landscapes resembling the American West, the film pushes its exquisitely rendered photorealism to the brink of lyricism and beyond. DCP digital. (MR)

**PINOCCHIO**

1940, Hamilton Luske and Ben Sharpsteen, USA, 88 min.  
With Dickie Jones, Cliff Edwards

**Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 pm  **

Disney's second animated feature did not match the commercial success of SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS, but many now consider it to be the peak production of Disney's golden period. Based loosely on Carlo Collodi's 1883 novel, the story, with its motivating event of a lonely woodworker who wishes that his marionette could become a living boy, is often read as an allegory for the Prometheus art of animation itself. 35mm print courtesy of The Walt Disney Company. (MR)
THE ADVENTURES OF PRINCE ACHMED
(DIE ABENTEUER DES PRINZEN ACHMED)
1926, Lotte Reininger, Germany, 67 min.

**Saturday, September 16, 6:00 pm**
**Tuesday, September 19, 6:00 pm**

This enchanting, beautifully color-tinted Arabian Nights fantasy is often cited as the first animated feature film, made eleven years before Disney’s SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS. Lotte Reininger’s trademark silhouette-animation techniques, together with gorgeous filigreed set and costume design, embellish the exotic tale of an Arabian prince, an evil sorcerer, a flying horse, and a captured princess. Silent film with recorded orchestration of the original 1926 score by Wolfgang Zeller. DCP digital. (MR)

IT’S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY
2012, Don Hertzfeldt, USA, 62 min.

**Tuesday, September 26, 6:00 pm**

Cult animator Hertzfeldt labored for over ten years on his magnum opus, whose dark-edged comedy has drawn comparisons to Buster Keaton, Charles M. Schulz, and Edward Gorey. The three-part story follows stick-figure everyman Bill through an existential gauntlet of anxiety, illness, and psychosis. ProRes digital. Preceded by WORLD OF TOMORROW (2015, USA, 17 min.), Hertzfeldt’s Oscar-nominated sci-fi saga of a little girl who is visited by her despondent nth-generation clone. DCP digital. (MR)

INSTITUTE BENJAMENTA
1995, Stephen Quay and Timothy Quay, UK/Germany, 105 min.
With Mark Rylance, Alice Krige

**Friday, September 29, 8:15 pm**
**Tuesday, October 3, 6:00 pm**

Following a series of acclaimed stop-motion animated shorts, this was the Quay Brothers’ first live-action film, but it is remarkable how closely it resembles their previous works, subtly eroding the boundary between the animate and the inanimate. A young man (Rylance) enrolls in a Germanic school for training servants, where he arouses the desires of the Institute’s unhinged headmaster (Gottfried John) and his imperious yet vulnerable sister (Krige). In English and German with English subtitles. 35mm. (MR)

Upcoming films in *Making ‘Em Move:*

(Saturday dates are subject to change. Please check the relevant month’s Gazette and website.)

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Special thanks to: Mike Houlihan and Hibernian Transmedia, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Irish American culture; lead sponsor 2 Gingers Irish Whiskey; and supporting sponsors including the Emerald Loop Bar and Grill, The Hilton Chicago, Kitty O’Shea’s, and McCann’s Irish Oatmeal.

—Barbara Scharres

**THE DUNNING MAN**

2017, Michael Clayton, USA, 90 min.
With James Carpinello, Dawn-Lyen Gardner

Friday, September 29, 8:00 pm

Out of work and jilted by his girlfriend, Connor Ryan (Carpinello) returns to his native Atlantic City, tail between his legs, to manage the apartments he owns in a dumpy low-rise complex at the foot of a luxury casino. Based on Kevin Fortuna’s critically acclaimed short story collection, this comedy-drama plumbs the black-humorous depths of Connor’s existential despair. DCP digital. Following the show, the audience is invited to an opening night party at the Emerald Loop Bar and Grill, 216 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago. (BS)

**EMERALD CITY**

2016, Colin Broderick, USA, 97 min.
With John Keating, John Duddy

Saturday, September 30, 8:00 pm

The hardscrabble world of a clutch of New York Irish construction workers unfolds in this tale rife with humor, pathos, love, and tragedy. Smalltime contractor Pat Mack (Keating) struggles to keep his hard-partying crew focused on his perpetually behind-schedule rehab jobs while hiding the problems with booze, money, and the law threatening his marriage. He’s got all the charm of the Irish without the luck, and his guys, including ex-boxer Podge (Duddy), keep the plot simmering with high drama. DCP digital. (BS)

**THE YOUNG OFFENDERS**

2016, Peter Foott, Ireland, 83 min.
With Alex Murphy, Chris Walley

Sunday, October 1, 5:15 pm

This rough-and-ready comedy, a runaway hit on home shores, is loosely based on the real story of Ireland’s biggest drug bust. Conor (Murphy) and Jock (Walley), a pair of restless lads from the wrong side of the tracks, concoct a half-baked scheme to ride to the coast on stolen bicycles in search of a bale of cocaine gone missing in a shipwreck. With a ruthless gangster poised at one end of the equation and an obsessed cop at the other, the boys find themselves between the proverbial rock and a hard place. DCP digital. (BS)
RECENTLY RESTORED

From September 1 through October 5, we present Recently Restored, a series of seventeen films showcasing recent achievements in film restoration. Accompanying the series are several screenings of DAWSON CITY: FROZEN TIME, Bill Morrison’s imaginative and informative documentary centered on the discovery of long-lost silent films in a former Yukon boomtown.

—Martin Rubin

SATURDAY DOUBLE-BILL DISCOUNT!
Buy a ticket at our regular prices for the first Recently Restored film on any Saturday in September, and get a ticket for the second Recently Restored film that day at the discounted rate with proof of your original purchase: General Admission $7; Students $5; Members $4. (This discount rate applies to the second feature only.)

WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER
1922, Robert G. Vignola, USA, 117 min.
With Marion Davies, Forrest Stanley

Sunday, September 3, 3:00 pm
Live piano accompaniment by Dave Drazin on Sunday.

This lavishly produced costume drama was an enormous hit, establishing William Randolph Hearst protégée Marion Davies as a bankable star and credible actress. She gives a winning performance, full of sass and charm, as Mary Tudor, Henry VIII’s kid sister, whose heart belongs to Captain of the Guard Charles Brandon (Stanley) but whose brother wants to palm her off in an alliance-cementing marriage to France’s doddering Louis XII. DCP digital. (MR)

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Dawson City: Frozen Time

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
2016, Bill Morrison, USA, 120 min.

Friday, September 15, 2:00 pm
Saturday, September 16, 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 19, 8:15 pm
Wednesday, September 20, 6:00 pm

“Exquisite...Morrison’s haunting evocation is like a voice from the past, distant but brilliantly present.”
—Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune

In 1978, hundreds of long-lost silent films were unearthed in Dawson City, Yukon. Director Morrison (DECASIA) uses haunting, decay-filigreed fragments of the resurrected films to link parallel histories of early cinema (born of a highly flammable substance, cellulose nitrate) and Dawson City, a Gold Rush boomtown whose brief heyday attracted a remarkable assortment of adventurous souls. DCP digital. (MR)

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SANTA SANGRE
1989, Alejandro Jodorowsky, Italy/Mexico, 123 min.
With Axel Jodorowsky, Blanca Guerra

Friday, September 1, 7:45 pm
Saturday, September 2, 5:45 pm

Cult director Jodorowsky (EL TOPO) brings his cinema of surreal poetic shock to this tale of twisted mother-son love. The child Fenix goes mad after witnessing his father mutilate his mother, but a decade later she reappears armless, in order to save and enslave him. They travel the world performing a strange pantomime act, until Fenix’s urge to stray unleashes the power of a mother’s jealousy. In Spanish with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

MULHOLLAND DR.
2001, David Lynch, USA, 147 min.
With Naomi Watts, Laura Harring

Saturday, September 2, 3:00 pm
Wednesday, September 6, 7:45 pm

Using his favorite story hook of “A Woman in Trouble,” Lynch’s bizarre, beautiful mystery takes a walk on the dark side of Hollywood. Shortly after arriving in Tinseltown, starry-eyed starlet Betty (Watts) finds an amnesiac stranger (Harring) at her doorstep. As Betty becomes obsessed with unraveling her new companion’s mystery, we begin to suspect that neither woman is quite who she appears to be. DCP digital. (Christopher Sanew)

DESERT HEARTS
1986, Donna Deitch, USA, 96 min.
With Helen Shaver, Patricia Charbonneau

Sunday, September 3, 8:15 pm
Thursday, September 7, 6:00 pm

Vivian (Shaver), a prim New York professor awaiting a Reno divorce, catches the eye of actively gay young casino worker Cay (Charbonneau), whose determined pursuit sends Vivian into an identity crisis. This trailblazing lesbian romance concentrates on the process of self-discovery rather than melodrama, framed by the neon-and-desert-sun tones of Robert (THERE WILL BE BLOOD) Elswit’s elegant cinematography. 4K DCP digital. (MR)

MONTEREY POP
1968, D.A. Pennebaker, USA, 78 min.

Sunday, September 3, 8:15 pm
Monday, September 4, 4:45 pm

This pioneer music doc set the template for countless rock concert films, while also capturing the spirit of Sixties counterculture at its grooviest. The occasion is the Monterey International Pop Festival, featuring such legendary performances as Janis Joplin stomping out a ferocious “Ball ’n’ Chain,” Jimi Hendrix cremating his guitar for “Wild Thing,” and Ravi Shankar mesmerizing the crowd with his sitar finale. 4K DCP digital. (MR)
KILLER OF SHEEP
1978, Charles Burnett, USA, 93 min.
With Harry Sanders, Kaycee Moore

Saturday, September 9, 3:00 pm
Wednesday, September 13, 6:00 pm

Burnett’s first feature is a landmark of African American cinema. Unreleased for several years, it gradually attained classic status, being chosen as one of the first twenty-five selections in the National Film Registry of culturally and artistically significant films. Filmed in beautifully gritty 16mm black-and-white with unflinching and richly detailed realism, KILLER OF SHEEP details the daily life of a Watts slaughterhouse worker and his struggle to sustain his emotional and family life in the face of grinding poverty. DCP digital. (MR)

BLESS THEIR LITTLE HEARTS
1984, Billy Woodberry, USA, 86 min.
With Nate Hardman, Kaycee Moore

Saturday, September 9, 5:00 pm
Monday, September 11, 6:00 pm

Woodberry’s first (and, to date, only) dramatic feature centers on Charlie Banks (Hardman), whose position as head of a lower-income Watts family is eaten away by chronic unemployment and his own evasions of responsibility. Woodberry’s supremely observant style enables revelatory insights to emerge effortlessly from everyday activities, aided by naturalistic performances that peak in an electrifying domestic argument filmed in an unbroken ten-minute take. Preceded by Woodberry’s short film THE POCKETBOOK (1980, 13 min.). DCP digital. (MR)

THE SON OF THE SHEIK
1926, George Fitzmaurice, USA, 68 min.
With Rudolph Valentino, Vilma Banky

Saturday, September 16, 2:00 pm
Monday, September 18, 6:00 pm

A follow-up to (and vast improvement on) the 1921 hit THE SHEIK, Valentino’s final film features the silent-screen idol in a dual role as the original Sheik and his son Ahmed. Believing himself to have been betrayed by an exotic dancer (Banky), the headstrong lad resolves to subject her to a revenge-worse-than-death. This ripe slice of Orientalism was the 50 SHADES OF GREY of its day, applying Hollywood polish to the realm of borderline-transgressive sexual fantasy. Silent film with recorded music score. DCP digital. (MR)

THE HALF-BREED
1916, Allan Dwan, USA, 73 min.
With Douglas Fairbanks, Alma Rubens

Saturday, September 16, 3:30 pm
Thursday, September 21, 6:00 pm

Fairbanks has an atypically serious role as the half-Indian Lo Dorman. Arriving in a frontier town, Lo attracts the interest of the town flirt and the jealousy of her male admirers. He retreats to the nearby woods, but the plight of a huckster’s Mexican mistress (Rubens) threatens Lo’s sanctuary. This fascinating early anti-western takes a remarkably dim view of the white race. The restoration includes material from the find detailed in DAWSON CITY: FROZEN TIME (see p. 13). Silent film with recorded music score. DCP digital. (MR)

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VIBRATIONS
1968, Joe Sarno, USA. 75 min.
With Maria Lease, Marianne Prevost
Friday, September 15, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, September 20, 8:15 pm
Dubbed “the Ingmar Bergman of 42nd Street,” porn specialist Sarno stood out in the pre-hardcore era for his films’ strong scripts, solid acting, classy cinematography, and atypical concentration on women. Men are indeed peripheral in this Manhattan tale of two sisters—one promiscuous, the other prudish—whose tense, incest-inflected relationship is aggravated by the passionate sounds emanating from the mysterious room next door. ProRes digital. (MR)

SOLARIS
1971, Andrei Tarkovsky, USSR. 167 min.
With Donatas Banionis, Natalya Bondarchuk
Sunday, September 17, 2:00 pm
Monday, September 18, 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 21, 7:45 pm
Tarkovsky’s adaptation of Stanislaw Lem’s classic novel is set on a space station circling a planet whose inexplicable nature challenges the very basis of human science. As he struggles to penetrate the unknowable, astropsychologist Kelvin finds only a mirror that reflects back his own memories, fears, and desires. In Russian with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

ONE-EYED JACKS
1961, Marlon Brando, USA. 141 min.
With Marlon Brando, Karl Malden
Saturday, September 23, 3:00 pm
Monday, September 25, 6:30 pm
Brando’s only film as director centers on the conflict between cocky outlaw Rio (Brando) and “Dad” Longworth (Malden), the father-figure who betrays him, with Dad’s stepdaughter (Pina Pellicer) forming the third leg of a triangle laced with incest, sadism, and homoeroticism. This Freudian western is notable for its blunt juxtaposition of cynicism and romanticism, and its spectacular swirling-wind/crashing-surf landscapes. 4K DCP digital. (MR)

TIME TO DIE
(TIEMPO DE MORIR)
1965, Arturo Ripstein, Mexico. 89 min.
With Jorge Martinez de Hoyos, Marga López
Saturday, September 23, 5:45 pm
Wednesday, September 27, 6:00 pm
After 18 years in prison, Juan returns home to settle down, but the son of the man he killed in self-defense is determined to provoke him into a gunfight. Written by Gabriel García Márquez and Carlos Fuentes, the first film of Mexican auteur Ripstein is remarkable for its critique of macho and its subversion of western genre conventions (the pudgy hero wears spectacles and likes to knit). In Spanish with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)
STALKER
1979, Andrei Tarkovsky, USSR, 163 min.
With Alexander Kaidanovsky, Anatoli Solonitsin

Saturday, September 23, 7:30 pm
Sunday, September 24, 2:15 pm
Thursday, September 28, 6:30 pm

Tarkovsky’s visionary blend of science fiction, philosophy, and poetry centers on a region known as the Zone, created by the impact of an extraterrestrial object, where guides known as Stalkers have mentalist powers that enable them to lead illegal expeditions into its interior. STALKER is the story of an expedition in search of a Room which is rumored to have the power to grant one’s innermost desires. In Russian with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

HEAVEN CAN WAIT
1943, Ernst Lubitsch, USA, 112 min.
With Don Ameche, Gene Tierney

Friday, September 29, 2:00 pm
Sunday, October 1, 3:00 pm

This bittersweet late masterpiece gave German-born Lubitsch his most purely American subject. Working in color for the first time, he paints a richly detailed, satiric, and nostalgic portrait of his adopted country, from the gracious mansions of turn-of-the century New York to the garish ranch of a Kansas meat-packing magnate. The underrated, low-key Ameche gives a career performance as a silver-spooned skirt-chaser who aspires to be a great sinner but whose life ends up being touchingly ordinary. 4K DCP digital. (MR)

FOX AND HIS FRIENDS
(FAUSTRECHT DER FREIHEIT)
1974, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Germany, 123 min.
With Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Peter Chatel

Saturday, September 30, 3:00 pm
Wednesday, October 4, 6:00 pm

This study in the transaction of love owes its particular poignancy to Fassbinder’s performance as Fox, a rough-hewn carnival worker and occasional hustler who wins a small fortune in the national lottery. The windfall gains him entrée to elite gay circles and attracts a new lover, snooty Eugen (Chatel). Although they are opposites in breeding and class, money gives Fox the upper hand, but the balance of power shifts when he is induced by Eugen to invest in his father’s failing business. In German with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

FUNERAL PARADE OF ROSES
(BARA NO SÔRETSU)
1969, Toshio Matsumoto, Japan, 105 min.
With Peter, Yoshio Tsuchiya

Saturday, September 30, 5:30 pm
Monday, October 2, 7:45 pm
Thursday, October 5, 7:45 pm

Set amid Tokyo’s “gay boy” subculture, where gender is but one mask among many, this legendary, long hard-to-see film centers on the vivacious young transsexual Eddie (queer icon Peter). A bar hostess at the Genet nightclub, Eddie pursues a hedonistic lifestyle while flashbacks recall her painful childhood, until the two sides come together in a delirious climax steeped in high camp and Greek tragedy. In Japanese with English subtitles. 4K DCP digital. (MR)
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2017, Various filmmakers and nations, 106 min.

Friday, September 8, 8:15 pm
Sunday, September 10, 5:15 pm

Now in its 18th year, this ace of animation compilation shows presents 16 films from 11 nations, including the Oscar-nominated PEARL; Chris Ware’s visualization of an Ira Glass story, MIRROR; and the Oscar-winning Pixar production, PIPER. Note: The final four films in the program contain adult content. DCP digital. (MR)

NT LIVE

SALOMÉ
2017, Yael Farber, UK, 120 min.
With Isabella Nefar, Ramzi Choukair

Saturday, September 9, 2:45 pm

The story has been told before, but never like this: an occupied desert nation; a radical from the wilderness on hunger strike; a girl whose mysterious dance will change the course of the world. This charged retelling turns the biblical tale on its head, placing the girl we call Salomé at the center of a revolution. (Description courtesy of NT Live)

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SUPERDESIGN: WHEN DESIGN WANTED TO CHANGE THE WORLD
2017, Francesca Molteni, Italy, 52 min.

Thursday, September 14, 6:00 pm

Nineteen key figures of the Italian Radical Design Movement retrace the history and heritage of the movement in this documentary. Presented in cooperation with Expo Chicago. In Italian and English with English subtitles. (Description courtesy of Expo Chicago)

Director Francesca Molteni and original Superstudio members Gianni Pettena and Cristiano Toraldo di Francia will be present for audience discussion.
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PANORAMA LATINX

PANORAMA LATINX is an initiative at the Gene Siskel Film Center supported by a three-year grant from the Reva and David Logan Foundation. The goal of the initiative is to support audience development and to engage the Latino community through advocacy, programming, partnerships, and showcasing emerging local filmmakers. Latin America is experiencing a film renaissance right now. The Film Center is proud to be the year-round home for international screenings, including the important new work being made by Latino filmmakers. The Film Center strives to be welcoming and responsive to all communities.

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EX LIBRIS: NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY, master documentarian Frederick Wiseman’s 42nd film, is one of his greatest, and we present the Chicago premiere run October 6-12.

Jean-Luc Godard grapples with revolutionary politics in LA CHINOISE (1967) and LE GAI SAVOIR (1969), screening in new restorations October 6-12.

The latest edition of the UCLA Festival of Preservation plays throughout the month, with newly restored 35mm prints of the ultra-sophisticated Ernst Lubitsch comedy TROUBLE IN PARADISE (1932), the stunningly photographed film noir HE WALKED BY NIGHT (1948), the blistering documentary THE MURDER OF FRED HAMPTON (1971), and more.

In conjunction with the Sullivan Galleries exhibition “Apichatpong Weerasethakul: The Serenity of Madness,” we screen four films by the celebrated SAIC alumnus, including archival 35mm prints of TROPICAL MALADY (2004) and SYNDROMES AND A CENTURY (2006).

For Halloween, the spirits are about to speak in a brand new 4K restoration of James Whale’s early-talkie haunted-house classic THE OLD DARK HOUSE (1932), playing October 27-November 2.