

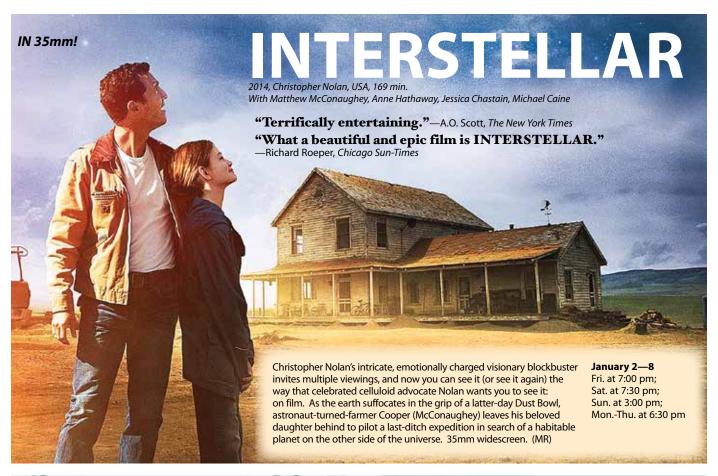
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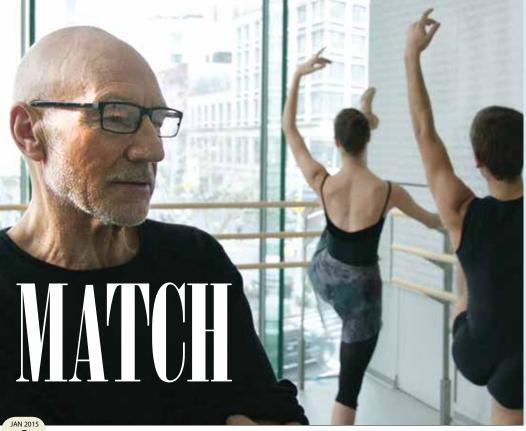




Chicago's Premier Movie Theater







CHICAGO PREMIERE!

2014, Stephen Belber, USA, 90 min. With Patrick Stewart, Carla Gugino, Matthew Lillard

"This is Stewart's show, and it's a dynamite role."—Gabe Toro, *The Playlist*

Adapted by director Belber from his Broadway hit, MATCH provides Patrick Stewart with a showcase role. As aging danseur, choreographer, and Juilliard instructor Tobi Powell, Stewart puts motor-mouthed flamboyance and pan-sexual sparkle into high gear to impress a young couple who request an interview. Emotions run high when it emerges that this pair have a vested interest in exploring a long-buried secret in the dancer's reckless past. DCP digital. (BS)

January 23—29

Fri. and Tue. at 8:00 pm; Sat. at 7:45 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Mon. at 6:00 pm and 7:45 pm; Wed. at 6:00 pm; Thu. at 8:15 pm

Gene Siskel Film Center MOVIE CLUE

Everyone likes to talk about movies, so let's keep the conversation going!

The Gene Siskel Film Center will get everyone talking with monthly film conversations. Every month, audiences will be invited to informal conversations led by— but not monopolized by— a carefully selected facilitator.

Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 pm

ODBYE TO LANGUAGE 3D

(see description on page 4).

Facilitated by Michael Phillips, film critic for the Chicago Tribune.





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GOODBYE TO 3D LANGUAGE 3D

A FILM BY JEAN-LUC GODARD

(ADIEU AU LANGAGE) 2014, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 70 min. With Héloise Godfet, Kamel Abdeli

SPECIAL ADMISSION PRICES

Because of the expense of temporarily installing a Dolby 3-D system, admission prices for GOODBYE TO LANGUAGE 3D are:
General Admission \$15; Members and Students \$10; SAIC Students and Personnel \$5

TRY-ANOTHER-GODARD DISCOUNT!

Buy a ticket at the above prices for any screening of GOODBYE TO LANGUAGE 3D, and get a ticket for any single film in the *Godard: The First Wave* series at the discounted rate with proof of your original purchase: General Admission \$7; Students \$5; Members \$4. (This discount rate applies to the selected *Godard: The First Wave* film only.)

The legendary Jean-Luc Godard continues to astonish with this gorgeous, baffling, rewarding foray into 3-D, putting the medium through paces that no one else has ever tried. Godard leads the chase through the world of ideas, and the sense of experimentation is extravagant. Concepts like democracy, terrorism, unemployment, economy, and war collide with the loose narrative of a man, a woman, a friendly dog, and an argument. There are brain-scrambling superimpositions, texts, clips from old films, solarized images, and even a costume-drama sequence depicting Mary Shelley and Lord Byron. It's the cinema experience of the decade. In French and English with English subtitles. DCP digital 3-D. (BS)

The Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 pm screening is a Movie Club event. Facilitated by Michael Phillips, film critic for the Chicago Tribune. (See p. 3.)



Professor Daniel Morgan of the University of Chicago, author of *Late Godard and the Possibilities of Cinema*, will discuss the film following the 7:45 pm screening on Thursday, January 22.

THREE-WEEK RUN!

January 16-22

Fri., Mon. and Thu. at 6:00 pm and 7:45 pm; Sat. at 3:00 pm, 6:45 pm, and 8:30 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm and 4:45 pm; Tue. at 8:00 pm; Wed. at 6:00 pm and 8:15 pm

January 23—29

Fri. at 8:15 pm; Sat. at 3:00 pm, 6:45 pm, and 8:30 pm; Sun. at 5:15 pm; Mon. and Wed. at 6:00 pm; Thu. at 8:15 pm

January 30—February 5

Fri. and Thu. at 8:00 pm; Sat. at 4:45 pm and 8:30 pm; Sun. at 5:15 pm; Mon. at 7:45 pm; Wed. at 6:00 pm



"A thrilling cinematic experience...deeply, excitingly challenging."—Manohla Dargis, The New York Times

"Joyously chaotic...a bracing riddle...buoyant in spirit."—Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune

"Packed with dazzling images, the film makes 3D feel like something brand-new to the medium."

—Joe McGovern, Entertainment Weekly



-David Ehrlich, The Dissolve

GODARD THE FIRST WAVE

From January 3 through March 4, the Gene Siskel Film Center presents *Godard: The First Wave*, a series of seventeen features and three shorts concentrating on the still vigorous 84-year-old auteur's early career.

From his groundbreaking first feature BREATHLESS to his recent Cannes sensation GOODBYE TO LANGUAGE 3D (playing at the Film Center, Jan. 16-Feb. 5), Jean-Luc Godard has been the seminal figure of modernist cinema. He holds a position in film history roughly equivalent to that of James Joyce in literature, Paul Cézanne in painting, and Charlie Parker in jazz. As the early Godard champion and chronicler Richard Roud wrote, "There is the cinema before Godard and the cinema after Godard."

Bringing his film critic's background to a series of exuberant cine-centric early works, Godard continued evolving in a series of masterpieces that delved deeper and wider into political, social, and philosophical concerns, until the apocalyptic scorn of WEEKEND and the self-confessed paralysis of his FAR FROM VIETNAM episode brought him to a crisis point of collapse and reinvention. We conclude the series with two of the later films, EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF and HAIL MARY, that show Godard reconnecting with his earlier concerns, but in a radically redefined way.

Supported by the Cultural Service at the Consulate General of France and the Institut français. Special thanks to Amélie Garin-Davet, Denis Quenelle, and Laurence Geannopulos of the Cultural Service at the Consulate General of France.

-Martin Rubin





SATURDAY DOUBLE-BILL DISCOUNT!

Buy a ticket at our regular prices for the first *Godard: The First Wave* film on any Saturday in January, and get a ticket for the second *Godard: The First Wave* 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.)



BREATHLESS, Jan. 3, 8, 10

BREATHLESS

(À BOUT DE SOUFFLE) 1959, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 89 min. With Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Seberg

Saturday, January 3, 3:00 pm Thursday, January 8, 6:00 pm Saturday, January 10, 5:00 pm

Godard's revolutionary first feature boasts legendary performances by Jean-Paul Belmondo as a smalltime hood living on the edge and Jean Seberg as the American girl who joins him in his life of crime... for a while. Preceded by **LE GRAND ESCROC** (1963, 25 min.), Godard's episode from THE WORLD'S GREATEST SWINDLES, starring Jean Seberg. Both in French with English subtitles; 35mm. (MR)

LE PETIT SOLDAT

(THE LITTLE SOLDIER)
1960, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 88 min.
With Michel Subor. Anna Karina

Saturday, January 3, 5:15 pm Tuesday, January 6, 6:00 pm

Godard's second film, made right after BREATHLESS (but then banned for three years), was his first to star Anna Karina and his first to involve politics in a



LE PETIT SOLDAT, Jan. 3, 6

significant way. Set in Geneva during the Algerian War, it centers on a right-wing journalist/spy (Subor) who falls for a young woman (Karina) who might be working for the other side. In French with English subtitles. 35mm. (MR)

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A WOMAN IS A WOMAN, Jan. 10, 15



VIVRE SA VIE, Jan. 17, 22

A WOMAN IS A WOMAN

(UNE FEMME EST UNE FEMME) 1961, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 84 min.

With Anna Karina, Jean-Paul Belmondo

Saturday, January 10, 3:15 pm Thursday, January 15, 6:00 pm

Godard's breeziest film, this "neorealist musical" is a valentine to his wife Anna Karina, the French New Wave, and the Hollywood movies he loved but declined to follow. Karina plays a softhearted stripper who fervently wants a baby; when her husband (Jean-Claude Brialy) gets cold

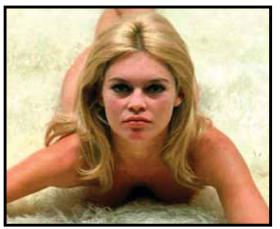
feet, she turns to his best friend (Belmondo). In French with English subtitles. 35mm widescreen. (MR)

VIVRE SA VIE

(aka MY LIFE TO LIVE) 1962, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 85 min. With Anna Karina, Sady Rebott

Saturday, January 17, 3:00 pm Thursday, January 22, 6:00 pm

An episodic account of the short life of a young prostitute, this is the first of Godard's mature masterpieces, and, like much of his best work, it is both supremely analytical



CONTEMPT, Jan. 17, 20



PIERROT LE FOU, Jan. 24, 29

and supremely sensuous. Filmed with a luminous black-and-white purity that evokes Lumière and Dreyer, VIVRE SA VIE is one of the most rigorous, beautiful, and moving of Godard's films. In French with English subtitles. 35mm. (MR)

CONTEMPT

(LE MÉPRIS) 1963, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 103 min. With Brigitte Bardot, Michel Piccoli

Saturday, January 17, 4:45 pm Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 pm

This deeply personal reflection on marriage,

movies, and modernism depicts the deteriorating relationship between a screenwriter (Piccoli) and his wife (Bardot) during the seaside shooting of a film version of Homer's *Odyssey*, directed by Fritz Lang (playing himself) and produced by a crass American mogul (Jack Palance). In French, English, German, and Italian with English subtitles. DCP digital widescreen. (MR)

PIERROT LE FOU

1965, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 110 min. With Jean-Paul Belmondo. Anno

With Jean-Paul Belmondo, Anna Karina

Saturday, January 24, 3:00 pm Thursday, January 29, 6:00 pm

A film noir drenched in summer sunlight, PIERROT LE FOU follows a restless Parisian ad man (Belmondo) who runs off with his babysitter (Karina) to play gangsters and gunrunners on the Riviera. PIERROT is many cinephiles' favorite Godard—for its dazzling use of widescreen and color, its lyrical seascapes, its musical numbers, and much more. In French with English subtitles. 35mm widescreen. (MR)



BAND OF OUTSIDERS, Jan. 24, 27

BAND OF OUTSIDERS

(BANDE À PART) 1964, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 97 min. With Anna Karina, Sami Frey

Saturday, January 24, 5:15 pm Tuesday, January 27, 6:00 pm

In this resonant mix of wintry melancholy and high-spirited digressions (including the Louvre dash and the famous "Madison" dance), two guys (Sami Frey, Claude Brasseur) compete for a girl (Karina) in their English class and concoct a movie-fed scheme to burgle her aunt's villa. In French with English subtitles. 35mm. (MR)





MASCULINE FEMININE, Jan. 31, Feb. 5

LES CARABINIERS, Jan. 31, Feb. 3

MASCULINE FEMININE

(MASCULIN FÉMININ) 1966, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 103 min. With Jean-Pierre Léaud, Chantal Goya

Saturday, January 31, 3:00 pm Thursday, February 5, 6:00 pm

Tagged "the children of Marx and Coca-Cola" by its director, MASCULINE FEMININE centers on the mainly onesided romance between a volubly ineffective young radical (Léaud) and a vapid pop singer (Goya) as it explores adolescence, sexuality, consumerism, and Paris in the winter of 1965. In French with English subtitles. 35mm. (MR)

LES CARABINIERS

(THE RIFLEMEN) 1963, Jean-Luc Godard, France, 80 min. With Patrice Moullet, Marino Masé

Saturday, January 31, 5:00 pm Tuesday, February 3, 6:00 pm In this effectively stupid and ugly parable about the stupidity and ugliness of war, two gullible clodhoppers set out from their muddy farm to fight for their King in exchange for "all the treasures of the world." Preceded by **OPÉRATION BÉTON** (OPERATION CONCRETE, 1955, 20 min.), Godard's first film. Both in French with English subtitles. Archival 35mm prints courtesy of the Institut français. (MR)

Upcoming in Godard: The First Wave:

February 7 and 9 **MADE IN U.S.A.** (1966)

February 7 and 11 **ALPHAVILLE** (1965) **+ SLOTH** (1962)

February 14 and 16 TWO OR THREE THINGS I KNOW ABOUT HER (1967)

February 14 and 18 **TBA**

February 21 and 23

FAR FROM VIETNAM (1967)

February 21 and 25 **WEEKEND** (1967)

February 28 and March 2

HAIL MARY (1985)

February 28 and March 4 EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF (1980)



NEW RESTORATION!

1939, Marcel Carné, France, 93 min. With Jean Gabin, Arletty

"A definitive example of sensuous, atmospheric moviemaking—you feel that you're breathing the air that Gabin breathes."—Pauline Kael

The story begins with a desperate killer (Gabin) besieged by the police. Flashbacks show how he came to the end of his rope: a grueling factory job, a nice girl, a not-so-nice one, and the caddish music-hall performer with a hold over both women. Created by the celebrated team of director Carné and writer Jacques Prévert (CHILDREN OF PARADISE), this quintessential classic of French "poetic realism" is a major forerunner of film noir. A dazzling new 4K digital restoration brings back longunseen footage censored under the Vichy regime. In French with English subtitles. 4K DCP digital. (MR)

January 9—15 Fri., Mon., Tue., and Wed. at 6:00 pm; Sat. at 5:00 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Thu. at 7:45 pm

VIVA LA LIBERTÀ

(aka LONG LIVE FREEDOM) 2013, Roberto Andò, Italy, 94 min. With Toni Servillo, Valeria Bruni Tedeschi

"Smart, refreshingly whimsical and witty."—Avi Offer, NYC Movie Guru

Italian star Servillo, named by the *Tribune's Michael Phillips as "the coolest actor on the planet,"* has choice dual roles in this satire of Italian politics.

When glum, unpopular party leader Enrico (Servillo) goes missing, his frantic aides use his bipolar, uninhibited twin brother Giovanni as a stand-in. The electorate is soon chanting his name, and the lady prime minister is dancing. In Italian with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

January 2—7

Fri. and Mon. at 8:00 pm; Sat. at 3:15 pm; Sun. at 5:00 pm; Wed. at 6:00 pm





DEAR WHITE PEOPLE

2014, Justin Simien, USA, 108 min. With Tyler James Williams, Tessa Thompson

"The best film about college life in a long time."—Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune

A fictional lvy League university is the setting for this provocative Sundance prizewinner that gives a daring comic poke to issues and stereotypes at all points

on the racial/multicultural spectrum. Winchester U. is more imminent meltdown than melting pot when a sassy college radio deejay (Thompson) airs a unique challenge to her white listeners. Meanwhile, Lionel (Williams), black gay reporter for the school paper, is on a collision course with a campus blackface Halloween party. DCP digital.

January 9—15

Fri. and Thu. at 6:00 pm; Sat. at 8:30 pm; Sun. at 5:30 pm; Mon. and Tue. at 7:45 pm; Wed. at 8:00 pm



Stranger Than Fiction

DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES

From January 9 through February 4, the Gene Siskel Film Center presents Stranger Than Fiction: Documentary Premieres, our annual showcase for the new and unusual in the world of documentary filmmaking.

In view of the recent sad news of the death of Mike Nichols, it's fitting that we open the series with COMPASS CABARET 55, a chronicle of the founding of the Chicago cabaret troupe that launched the career of Nichols and many other legendary performers.

Legendary director Sam Fuller is the subject of a unique profile by daughter Samantha in A FULLER LIFE. The checkered career of Indiana outsider artist Peter Anton is the subject of ALMOST THERE, from Kartemquin Films. Trailer-park auteur Giuseppe Andrews gets his close-up in GIUSEPPE MAKES A MOVIE. Native American director Sterlin Harjo discovers the farreaching roots of a cultural legacy in THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME. In EMPTYING THE SKIES, novelist Jonathan Franzen follows a band of environmental activists fighting the slaughter of migrating songbirds. THE IMMORTALISTS takes a quirky look at two maverick genetic researchers who contend that death will soon be curable. THE DECENT ONE examines the Jekyll and Hyde life of death-dealing Nazi Heinrich Himmler through letters to his wife and child.

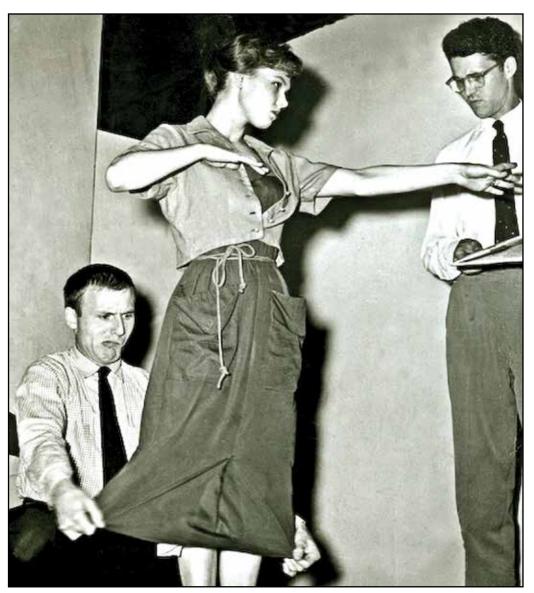
See film descriptions for personal appearance information, and check our web site at siskelfilmcenter.org for appearance updates throughout the series.

Stranger Than Fiction: Documentary Premieres is made possible in part by grants from the Reva & David Logan Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

-Barbara Scharres



ART WORKS.



COMPASS CABARET 55, Jan. 9, 14

Mark Siska in person!

COMPASS CABARET 55

2014, Mark Siska, USA, 94 min.

Friday, January 9, 8:00 pm Wednesday, January 14, 8:00 pm

Director Mark Siska constructs a behind-the-scenes chronicle of Chicago's improv theater history, highlighting the pioneering role of the Compass Players. This short-lived but essential cabaret troupe launched the careers of legends including Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Paul Sills, Del Close, Barbara Harris, and Byrne Piven, and became the model for Second City and SNL. Compass co-founder David Sheperd tells it like it was, and a wealth of interviews are punctuated by priceless sequences of beloved

Compass routines. A must-see for any theater or improv lover! DCP digital. (BS)

Director Mark Siska will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

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A FULLER LIFE, Jan. 17, 19



ALMOST THERE, Jan. 10,11

Filmmakers in person! ALMOST THERE

USA, 85 min.

2014, David Alvarado and Jason Sussberg, UK/USA/India, 78 min.

Saturday, January 10, 6:45 pm Monday, January 12, 6:00 pm

THE IMMORTALISTS

THE IMMORTALISTS is a most unusual look at two scientists whose career-long work is aimed at finding a cure for death.

American Bill Andrews aims to beat the clock in his lifetime despite foreboding signs to the contrary. Deeply eccentric, shaggy-bearded Cambridge researcher Aubrey de Grey confidently taunts skeptical colleagues with his boasts of pending immortality. DCP digital. (BS)

This chronicle of East Chicago, Indiana, outsider artist Peter Anton boasts as many layers as one of his profusely illustrated scrapbook journals. Discovering the vast body of his work in a trash-filled home, the filmmakers become friends and virtual care-givers. When an acclaimed retrospective at Intuit brings the aged artist into the limelight, a precipitous revelation

2014, Dan Rybicky and Aaron Wickenden,

Saturday, January 10, 7:45 pm

Sunday, January 11, 3:00 pm

Artist Peter Anton and filmmakers Dan Rybicky and Aaron Wickenden will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

about his past threatens his new-

found celebrity. DCP digital. (BS)



THE DECENT ONE, Jan. 18, 21

A FULLER LIFE

2013, Samantha Fuller, USA, 80 min.

Saturday, January 17, 6:45 pm Monday, January 19, 6:00 pm

The garrulous, cigar-chomping maverick director Sam Fuller (PICKUP ON SOUTH STREET) honed a larger-than-life persona in a career that ranged from newsboy and crime reporter to G.I., author, adventurer, and kickass filmmaker. Daughter Samantha assembles a swashbuckling profile, based on his own words as channeled by admirers including William Friedkin, Wim Wenders, Jennifer Beals, Mark Hamill, Bill Duke, Tim Roth, and James Franco. DCP digital. (BS)

THE DECENT ONE

(DER ANSTÄNDIGE) 2014, Vanessa Lapa, Austria/Israel, 94 min.

Sunday, January 18, 3:00 pm Wednesday, January 21, 8:15 pm

In 1941, SS commander Heinrich Himmler wrote to his young daughter the ironic words, "In life, one must always be decent, courageous, and kind-hearted." Director Lapa, granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, uses narrated excerpts from Himmler's private letters and diaries to fashion a sometimes uncomfortably intimate portrait of a man who chillingly regarded himself as a doting father, heroic citizen, and devout Catholic. In English and German with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)





Sterlin Harjo via Skype!

THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME

2014, Sterlin Harjo, USA, 90 min.

Sunday, January 25, 4:45 pm Wednesday, January 28, 7:45 pm

Native American director Harjo (FOUR SHEETS TO THE WIND, BARKING WATER), takes the unsolved mystery of his uncle's 1962 disappearance as the jumping-off point for a personal and soulful exploration of the roots of tribal spiritual songs as performed in the small Seminole churches throughout Oklahoma. DCP digital. (BS)

Director Sterlin Harjo will be present via Skype for audience discussion on Wednesday.



EMPTYING THE SKIES

2013, Douglas Kass and Roger Kass, USA/Italy, 78 min.

Friday, January 30, 6:00 pm Wednesday, February 4, 8:00 pm

The filmmakers follow novelist and birdwatcher Jonathan Franzen (*The Corrections*) to Cyprus, Italy, and points beyond, as a band of vigilante activists work to halt the wholesale slaughter of migrating European songbirds, prized as gourmet treats worth a fortune on the black market. In English, Italian, French, and German with English subtitles. Special advance screening courtesy of Music Box Films. DCP digital. (BS)



Adam Rifkin in person!

GIUSEPPE MAKES A MOVIE

2014, Adam Rifkin, USA, 82 min.

Sunday, February 1, 5:00 pm Monday, February 2, 8:00 pm

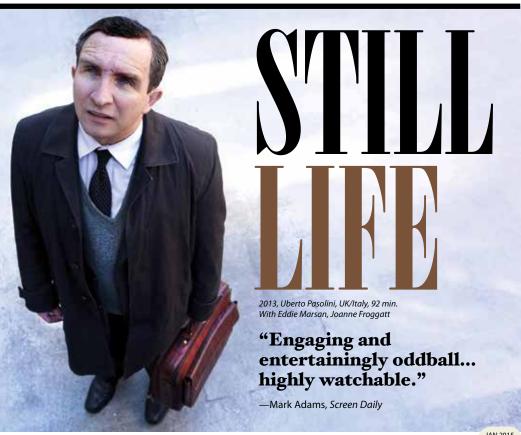
Outsider art goes wild and wacky, not to mention down and dirty, when erstwhile-teen-actor-turned-filmmaker Giuseppe Andrews embarks on another no-budget opus featuring his trailer-park stock company of real-life drug addicts, alcoholics, and homeless senior citizens. Rifkin, who directed him in DETROIT ROCK CITY, follows the chaotic production of Andrews's GARBANZO GAS. DCP digital. (BS)

Director Adam Rifkin, a former Chicago native, will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

CHICAGO PREMIERE!

Dark, droll British humor with a poignant edge marks this offbeat comedy-drama in which death proves to be a life-changer for one tightly buttoned middleaged bachelor. Finicky John May (Marsan), a low-ranking office drone, handles the final arrangements for London's unclaimed deceased with eccentric care that betrays his own lack of family. With a lay-off imminent, he vows to give his one last job a proper send-off. If only he could track down the dead man's mysteriously missing daughter (Froggatt—Anna of Downton Abbey)... DCP digital. (BS)

January 30—Feb. 5 Fri. and Sat. at 7:45 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Mon. and Wed. at 6:00 pm; Tue. and Thu. at 8:00 pm



Dial 3 for 3-D!!!

From January 17 through February 5, the Gene Siskel Film Center presents *Dial 3 for 3D!!!*, a series of five films sampling the sporadic history of stereoscopic systems in the cinema.

The first significant commercial use of 3-D occurred in the early 1950s, when it was one of the technological enhancements introduced by the film industry in an attempt to win back its dwindling audience. Using two strips of film, the 3-D systems of the 1950s were cumbersome in comparison to later systems. Technical difficulties and competition from the widescreen Cinemascope process led to the flame-out of 3-D by 1955. Improved systems spurred periodic revivals of 3-D, with a pronounced boomlet in the early 1980s. However, 3-D was not able to entrench itself until the advent of digital systems in the 2000s, with the mega-blockbuster success of AVATAR in 2009-10 sealing the deal.

Almost from the start, 3-D (much like sound and widescreen) has been used intelligently and expressively by skilled directors, from Alfred Hitchcock and Jack Arnold in 1950s to James Cameron and Martin Scorsese in more recent times. As part of our 3-D festivities this month, don't miss our three-week run of Jean-Luc Godard's GOODBYE TO LANGUAGE 3D (see p. 4) and our screenings of Wim Wenders's PINA in the *Instant Histories* series (see p. 14).

Special thanks to James Bond of Full Aperture Systems.

—Martin Rubin

HOUSE OF WAX

1953, Andre de Toth, USA, 88 min. With Vincent Price, Phyllis Kirk

Saturday, January 17, 4:45 pm Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 pm

HOUSE OF WAX was the first color 3-D movie from a major studio, and it remains one of the best films ever made in 3-D. The enormous success of the film started Vincent Price on his illustrious reign as a horror icon, here playing an unhinged wax sculptor whose Grand Guignol exhibits owe their uncanny realism to a sinister secret recipe. DCP digital 3-D. (MR)

DIAL M FOR MURDER

1954, Alfred Hitchcock, USA, 105 min. With Grace Kelly, Ray Milland

Friday, January 23, 6:00 pm Sunday, January 25, 3:00 pm Thursday, January 29, 6:00 pm

The consensus choice for best 3-D film of the 1950s, DIAL M FOR MURDER was not actually released in 3-D until nearly 30 years after it was



HOUSE OF WAX, Jan. 17, 20

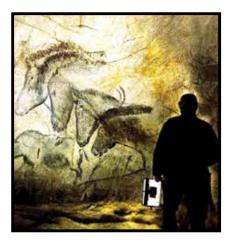


DIAL M FOR MURDER, Jan. 23, 25, 29

made. Hitchcock's highly entertaining thriller makes superb use of the confined space of the main apartment in which a scheming husband

(Milland) seeks to set up the murder of his straying wife (Kelly). DCP digital 3-D. (MR)





CAVE OF FORGOTTEN DREAMS

2010, Werner Herzog, France, 90 min.

Saturday, January 24, 4:45 pm Monday, January 26, 7:45 pm

Herzog brings his idiosyncratic eye to the restricted French cave where 30,000-year-old paintings were discovered in 1994. The paintings—dynamic, supple renderings of horses, lions, and other animals—are astonishing, and 3-D enables us to grasp the textures and contours of their natural setting. In English, French, and German with English subtitles. DCP digital 3-D. (MR)



THE BUBBLE

(aka FANTASTIC INVASION OF PLANET EARTH) 1966, Arch Oboler, USA, 91 min. With Michael Cole, Deborah Walley

Friday, January 30, 6:00 pm Saturday, January 31, 6:30 pm Thursday, February 5, 6:00 pm

This recently restored sci-fi fantasy inaugurated a new single-strip 3-D process named Space-Vision, which enables objects to appear to float completely off the screen. A pregnant young woman and her husband find themselves in a strange town populated by zombie-like people, encased in an impenetrable glass dome, and ruled by a gigantic hand. DCP digital 3-D



widescreen. (MR)

CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

1954, Jack Arnold, USA, 79 min. With Richard Carlson, Julie Adams

Saturday, January 31, 3:00 pm Monday, February 2, 6:00 pm

This superior creature-feature is second perhaps only to DIAL M in the pantheon of 1950s 3-D classics. In the primeval Amazon, the discovery of a humanoid reptile claw sparks a search for the whole creature. The film uses 3-D brilliantly to articulate the separation between the abovewater world and the underwater world. DCP



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Lecturer: Daniel Eisenberg

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—*Martin Rubin*

As digital technology has transformed every aspect of daily life, our conception of time, space, event, and document has transformed as well. We no longer look to authorized sources for the verification of events, and the speed at which we expect to see evidence has become virtually instantaneous. The portability and ubiquity of cameras has made every moment and place subject to our gaze, and every event subject to new conventions of scrutiny and truth. This series examines the ways film and video-makers have changed the conventions of non-fiction filmmaking through signal works produced during the digital turn of the last decade.

—Daniel Eisenberg

The remainder of the *Instant Histories* schedule will appear in the February *Gazette*.



SANS SOLEIL, Jan. 23, 27

SANS SOLEIL

(SUNLESS)
1982. Chris Marker. France, 100 min.

Friday, January 23, 6:00 pm Tuesday, January 27, 6:00 pm

Centering on the electronic/feudal fabric of Tokyo, Marker's magnum opus unleashes his kaleidoscopic eye in an onslaught of evocative associations: a woman's smile on the Cape Verde Islands, guerrilla warfare in Guinea Bissau, a volcanic eruption in Iceland, a recherché of VERTIGO on the original locations. Narrated in English. 35mm. (MR)



PINA, Feb. 1, 3, 4

In 3-D! PINA

2011, Wim Wenders, Germany/France/UK, 103 min.

Sunday, February 1, 3:00 pm Tuesday, February 3, 6:00 pm Wednesday, February 4, 7:45 pm

This Oscar-nominated tribute to the late choreographer Pina Bausch is as haunting, unconventional, and moving as her own work. Wenders makes exhilarating use of 3-D to open space in every dimension, vivifying such works as "Café Müller" and "Vollmond." In German, French, and other languages with English subtitles. DCP digital 3-D. (BS)





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Wednesday, January 28, 7:45 pm

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