

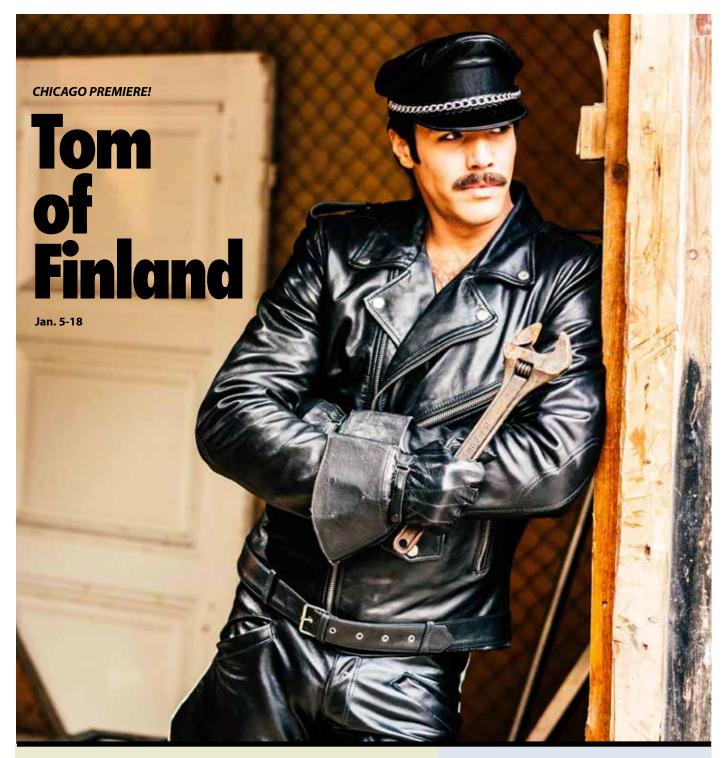
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Apocalypse Then: The Vietnam War on Film **WWW.siskelfilmcenter.org**

CHICAGO PREMIERE! FILMMAKER VIA SKYPE!

2017, Dome Karukoski, Finland/Sweden, 115 min. With Pekka Strang, Lauri Tilkanen

"One of the 10 best films of 2017... I hope it wins [the Oscar]."—John Waters

This biopic explores the life behind the legend of Touko Laaksonen (Strang), who became world famous as Tom of Finland for his erotic drawings of hunky leatherclad men. The former army officer endures waves of 1950s-60s oppression that keep homosexuality illegal in Europe. His work reaches an apex in hedonistic Los Angeles, where acclaim coincides with the challenge of the AIDS epidemic. Finland's official 2018 Oscar submission. In Finnish, German, and English with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

On Sun., Jan. 7, director Dome Karukoski will be present via Skype for audience discussion.

The Thu., Jan. 11, screening is a Movie Club event (see p. 3).

TWO-WEEK RUN!

January 5—11 Fri., 1/5 at 6 pm; Sat., 1/6 at 3 pm and 8 pm; Sun., 1/7 at 5 pm; Mon., 1/8 at 8 pm; Tue., 1/9 at 6 pm; Wed., 1/10 at 8 pm; Thu., 1/11 at 6 pm

January 12—18 Fri., 1/12 at 7:45 pm; Sat., 1/13 at 8 pm; Sun., 1/14 at 4:45 pm; Mon., 1/15 at 7:45 pm; Tue., 1/16 at 7:45 pm; Wed., 1/17 at 7:45 pm; Thu., 1/18 at 6 pm

FIRST CHICAGO RUN!

God's Own Country

2017, Francis Lee, UK, 104 min. With Josh O'Connor, Alec Secareanu

"Gorgeously shot and engaging from beginning to end...the kind of gay film more people should be making." —Jude Dry, Indiewire

The rugged landscape of North Yorkshire frames a rough-edged love story between two men faced with a steep divide of culture and resistance. Johnny (O'Connor), reluctant heir to a hardscrabble farm, is prisoner to the needs of the land, his ailing father, and the secret that leads him to drunken one-night stands with male strangers. The arrival of Gheorge (Secareanu), a skilled Romanian hired hand, brings a flood of resentment to the surface, but offers a path to redemption when the two young men are thrown together through the harsh cycle of the seasons. DCP digital. (BS)

January 26— February 1 Fri., 1/26 at 8 pm;

Sat., 1/27 at 3 pm; Sun., 1/28 at 5 pm; Mon., 1/29 at 7:45 pm; Tue., 1/30 at 8 pm; Wed., 1/31 at 6 pm; Thu., 2/1 at 8:15 pm

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Gene Siskel Film Center OVIE R Everyone likes to talk about movies, so let's keep the conversation going! Join us for the Gene Siskel Film Center Movie Club, which will include a post-screening conversation and a complimentary beverage.

Thursday, January 11, 6:00 pm M OF FIN 10

(See description on p. 2.) Facilitator TBD.

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"Stunning, a flawlessly executed journey through Van Gogh's art."—J.R. Jones, Chicago Reader

Loving Vincent

2017, Dorota Kobiela and Hugh Welchman, UK/Poland, 95 min. With Douglas Booth, Robert Gulaczyk, Saoirse Ronan

65,000 hand-painted frames, extrapolated from Van Gogh's works, bring the painter's world to life in all its pulsating, thickly colored glory. More than a technical stunt, the film is a compelling, thoroughly researched dramatization of Van Gogh's life, concentrating on his final weeks and rendered in CITIZEN KANE-flashbacks, as a postman's son seeks to unravel the truth about the painter's contradictory personality and still-unexplained death. In English. DCP digital. (MR)

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(VISAGES VILLAGES) 2017, Agnès Varda and JR, France, 89 min.

"Enormously pleasurable." —Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune

Leave it to 89-year-old Agnès Varda (THE GLEANERS & I) to make the zippiest, zestiest documentary of the year. She and photographer/ co-director JR zigzag across France in his van/photo-booth, taking pictures of the people they meet and turning them into gargantuan murals. Their spontaneous encounters form an evocative mosaic that captures the spirit of present-day, working-class France. Voted best documentary of 2017 by the New York Film Critics Circle. In French with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

January 5—10

Fri., 1/5 at 2 pm and 7:45 pm; Sat., 1/6 at 3 pm; Sun., 1/7 at 4:45 pm; Mon., 1/8 at 7:45 pm; Tue., 1/9 at 6 pm; Wed., 1/10 at 6 pm



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(SETO SURYA) 2016, Deepak Rauniyar, Nepal, 89 min. With Dayahang Rai, Asha Maya Magrati

"A breath of fresh air from the top of the world...impressively accomplished."—Neil Young, Hollywood Reporter

Set in the aftermath of Nepal's 10-year civil war, WHITE SUN is a dramatically charged, vividly filmed story about the difficult process of waging peace after revolution is over. Upon the death of his father, a Maoist rebel leader returns to his mountain village, where complex burial traditions are further complicated by lingering personal and political conflicts. Director Rauniyar negotiates the tangled allegiances with humor and fable-like clarity. Nepal's official Oscar submission. In Nepali with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

January 5—11

Fri., 1/5 at 6 pm; Sat., 1/6 at 4:45 pm and 8:30; Sun., 1/7 at 3 pm; Mon., 1/8 at 6 pm; Wed., 1/10 at 7:45 pm; Thu., 1/11 at 6 pm

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! KELLY RICHMOND POPE IN PERSON!

All the Queen's Horses

2017, Kelly Richmond Pope, USA, 71 min.

Home-grown front-page scandal is dissected in this documentary detailing how the placid farm town of Dixon, Illinois, became notorious for the largest case of municipal fraud in U.S. history, thanks to city comptroller Rita Crundwell, a flamboyant, high-living champion horse breeder who sucked the town dry to the tune of \$54 million. From the accidental discovery of the scam by a frightened whistleblower to an inside look at how Crundwell cooked the books, this chronicle tells all. DCP digital. (BS)



Director Kelly Richmond Pope is scheduled to appear for audience discussion at the Sat., Tue., and Wed. screenings.

January 12—17 Fri., 1/12 at 2 pm; Sat., 1/13 at 5:15 pm; Sun., 1/14 at 3 pm; Tue., 1/16 at 7:45 pm; Wed., 1/17 at 7:45 pm "Kudos to director Kelly Richmond Pope for applying just the right mix of 'What the heck' whimsy and respectful, serious reporting to this incredible tale." —Richard Roeper, Chicago Sun-Times



2017, Brett Morgen, USA, 90 min.

In 1960, a 26-year-old secretary with no scientific training was sent to Tanzania to study chimpanzees. Jane Goodall went on to become a trailblazing primatologist whose unprecedented access to a chimpanzee community profoundly influenced the way we think about animals and humans. A soaring Phillip Glass score, new interview material with the vigorous 83-year-old Ms. Goodall, and a trove of never-before-seen footage make for a thrilling and intimate portrait of an extraordinary woman. Shortlisted for the 2018 Best Documentary Oscar. DCP digital. (MR)

"A wondrous and moving account of a remarkable life... This is a nature film that benefits greatly from being seen on the big screen."

—David Rooney, Hollywood Reporter

TWO WEEK RUN!

January 19—25

Fri., 1/19 at 2 pm and 6 pm; Sat., 1/20 at 8 pm; Sun., 1/21 at 3 pm; Mon., 1/22 at 7:45 pm; Tue., 1/23 at 6 pm; Wed., 1/24 at 8:15 pm; Thu., 1/25 at 6 pm

January 26—February 1 Fri., 1/26 at 2 pm and 6 pm; Sat., 1/27 at 8 pm; Sun., 1/28 at 3 pm; Mon., 1/29 at 6 pm; Wed., 1/31 at 6 pm; Thu., 2/1 at 8 pm

"Jewel-bright 2017, Nora Twomey, Canada/Ireland/ Luxembourg, 93 min. and heartwrenching." This beautifully animated tale by the co-director of Oscar-nominated THE -Sheri Linden, BOOK OF KELLS is set in Afghanistan Hollywood Reporter under the Taliban in 2001, where the survival of a family comes down to the heroism of plucky and curious January 26eleven-year-old Parvana. Her father February 1

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Ihis beautifully animated tale by the co-director of Oscar-nominated THE BOOK OF KELLS is set in Afghanistan under the Taliban in 2001, where the survival of a family comes down to the heroism of plucky and curious eleven-year-old Parvana. Her father has been wrongfully jailed, and women are forbidden to leave home unless accompanied a male guardian. Parvana rises to the challenge to save her beloved dad, dressing as a boy and going out into the streets to discover for the first time what freedom feels like. Executive produced by Angelina Jolie. In English. DCP digital. (BS)

THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

(PSICONAUTAS, LOS NIÑOS OLVIDADOS) 2015, Pedro Rivero and Alberto Vázquez, Spain, 76 min.

"Sardonic, cruel, funny, macabre, yet surprisingly good-hearted...you'd be hard-pressed to find anything as original or poignant."—Dennis Harvey, Variety

An anthropomorphic bird-child is the hunted innocent in this adult-oriented animated allegory based on the graphic novel by co-director Vázquez. Leavened with strains of macabre humor, this darkly surreal tale journeys into a post-apocalyptic island world populated by bedeviled cartoon animals whose feral ethos and venal capers give the lie to their eerily adorable cuteness. Note: Adult content. In Spanish with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

January 12—18

Fri., 1/12 at 7:45 pm; Sat., 1/13 at 3:45 pm and 6:45 pm; Sun., 1/14 at 4:45 pm; Mon., 1/15 at 7:45 pm; Tue., 1/16 at 6 pm; Wed., 1/17 at 6 pm; Thu., 1/18 at 8:15 pm

Ny Friend Dahmer 2017, Marc Meyers, U. With Ross Lynch, Ann

"One of the most fascinating portraits of a serial killer, ever... Lynch is deadpan perfect in the title role." -Roger Moore, Movie Nation

This sleeper hit, based on the graphic novel by Derf Backderf, has captivated millennials with its chillingly relatable depiction of the gawky Ohio teenager who would soon grow up to be one of the most notorious serial killers. During his high school years, young Jeffrey deals with bullies, battling parents, and emerging homosexuality, while pursuing his hobby of dissolving small dead animals in acid ("I like bones"). At school, he reigns as the class weirdo, a distinction that he cultivates by staging convulsive fits. DCP digital. (MR)

January 19—25

Fri., 1/19 at 8:15 pm; Sat., 1/20 at 8:15 pm; Sun., 1/21 at 5 pm; Tue., 1/23 at 8:15 pm; Wed., 1/24 at 6 pm; Thu., 1/25 at 8 pm

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2017, Marc Meyers, USA, 108 min. With Ross Lynch, Anne Heche

NEW RESTORATION!

THE PASSION OF JOAN OF ARC

(LA PASSION DE JEANNE D'ARC) 1928, Carl Theodor Dreyer, France, 82 min. With Renée Falconetti

"One of the greatest of all movies"—Pauline Kael

Set during the final hours of the saint's life, Dreyer's masterpiece is no sanctimonious sermon, but an unrelentingly intense, soul-shaking experience. Joan's faith is like a bomb set off in a rigid medieval society, bringing not serenity but chaos and upheaval. No less than BATTLESHIP POTEMKIN, this is a film about revolution, and, like Eisenstein, Dreyer employs a revolutionary style, upending conventional methods of framing, editing, lighting, and camera movement to produce a film that looks like no other. New 2K DCP digital restoration. (MR) Silent film with live piano accompaniment by Dave Drazin on Sunday. Other screenings with a choice of prerecorded scores—see our website for details.

January 19-25

Fri., 1/19 at 6:30 pm; Sat., 1/20 at 6:30 pm; Sun., 1/21 at 3 pm; Mon., 1/22 at 6 pm; Tue., 1/23 at 8 pm; Thu., 1/25 at 6 pm

NEW 4K RESTORATION!

(OFFRET) 1986, Andrei Tarkovsky, Sweden, 149 min. With Erland Josephson, Susan Fleetwood

"A film of amazing beauty, singularity, and emotional power." —Dave Kehr, Chicago Tribune THE SACRIFICE is Tarkovsky's last and perhaps most moving film, made in exile while he was dying of cancer. The hero is a writer living on a remote Baltic island when his birthday celebration is interrupted by a broadcast announcing the imminent outbreak of World War III. Through his quixotic hero, Tarkovsky draws an audacious link between his own impending death and universal annihilation; internalizing the apocalypse, he moves through a dark night of the soul to a radiant final "sacrifice." In Swedish, French, and English with English subtitles. New 4K DCP digital restoration. (MR)

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January 19—24 Fri., 1/19 at 7:45 pm; Sat., 1/20 at 5:15 pm; Mon., 1/22 at 6:30 pm; Wed., 1/24 at 6:30 pm

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NT LIVE

2017, Dominic Cook, UK, 155 min. With Imelda Staunton, Tracie Bennett, Janie Dee

Saturday, January 13, 2:00 pm

New York, 1971, and there's a party onstage at the Weismann Theatre. Tomorrow the iconic building will be demolished. Thirty years after their final performance, the Follies girls gather to have a few drinks, sing a few songs, and lie about themselves in this dazzling new production of Stephen Sondheim's legendary musical. Note: Includes strobe lighting. DCP digital. (Description courtesy of NT Live)

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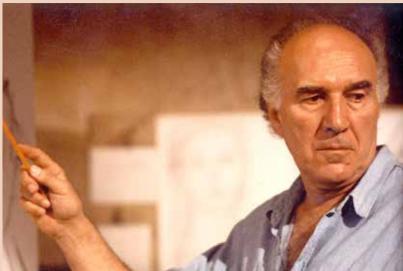
NEW 4K RESTORATION! BELLE NOISEUSE 1990, Jacques Rivette, France, 238 min.

With Michel Piccoli, Emmanuelle Béart. Jane Birkin

Friday, January 19, 2:00 pm Saturday, January 20, 2:00 pm

" $\star \star \star \star$ The best film I have ever seen about the physical creation of art."-Roger Ebert

This exhilaratingly ambitious reflection on art depicts the psychological duel between an aging painter (Piccoli) and his reluctant model (Béart), which begins in wary hostility, escalates into a pitched battle of wills, and ends as a true collaboration, with each driving the other to dangerous limits. New 4K DCP digital restoration. Note: 10-minute intermission. (MR)





FII MMAKERS IN PERSON!

ALL THE RAGE (SAVED BY SARNO)

2016, Michael Galinsky, Suki Hawley, and David Beilinson, USA, 94 min.

Friday, January 26, 8:00 pm Saturday, January 27, 5:00 pm

Documentary filmmaker Galinsky's intensifying back aches motivated him to explore the subject of chronic pain (afflicting over 100 million Americans), the largely ineffectual conventional treatments for it, and the innovative concepts of Dr. John E. Sarno on the crucial role of psychological stress and repressed memories in causing chronic pain. DCP digital. (MR)

Co-directors Michael Galinsky and (tentatively) Suki Hawley will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

APOCALYPSE THEN THE VIETNAM WAR ON FILM

Lecturer: Nora Annesley Taylor

From Jan. 27 through May 8, we offer *Apocalypse Then: The Vietnam War* on *Film*, a series of fourteen programs with weekly Tuesday lectures by Nora Annesley Taylor, Alsdorf Professor of South and Southeast Asian Art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. 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 *Apocalypse Then* programs is \$5 for Film Center members; usual prices for non-members.

-Martin Rubin

trauma and legacy of the war on the American psyche. With the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive occurring in January 2018, and the recent broadcast of Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's PBS documentary, these films, along with those made by Vietnamese and Cambodian filmmakers, deserve to be revisited. The series will take a close look at how the war and its legacy was imagined and represented in film, from the perspective of both Southeast Asian and international filmmakers.

After the Vietnam War ended in 1975, Hollywood began to explore the

-Nora Annesley Taylor

INDOCHINE

1992, Régis Wargnier, France, 157 min. With Catherine Deneuve, Linh Dan Pham

Saturday, January 27, 5:00 pm Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 pm

This Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film spans the history of French Indochina from the 1930s to the loss of the colony in 1954, centering on the relationship between a French plantationowner (Deneuve) and her adopted Vietnamese daughter (Linh Dan Pham), who is swept up in the revolution. In French with English subtitles. 35mm. (MR)

Upcoming films in *Apocalypse Then*

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

February 3 and 6 **THE 317TH PLATOON** 1965. Pierre Schoendoerffer. France. 120 min.

February 10 and 13 THE QUIET AMERICAN

1958, Joseph L. Mankiewicz, USA, 120 min.

February 17 and 20 **APOCALYPSE NOW** 1979, Francis Coppola, USA, 147 min.

February 24 and 27 **FULL METAL JACKET** 1987, Stanley Kubrick, USA, 116 min.

March 3 and 6 HEARTS AND MINDS 1974, Peter Davis, USA, 112 min.

March 13 only THE KILLING FIELDS 1984, Roland Joffé, USA, 141 min.

March 20 only **THE MISSING PICTURE** 2013, Rithy Panh, Cambodia/France, 92 min.



INDOCHINE, Jan. 27, 30

April 3 only **FAR FROM VIETNAM** 1967, Chris Marker et al., France, 120 min.

April 7 and 10 **FORGETTING VIETNAM** 2016, Trinh T. Minh-ha, South Korea/Vietnam/USA, 90 min.

April 14 and 17 DON'T THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN: CAMBODIA'S LOST ROCK & ROLL 2014, John Pirozzi, USA/Cambodia/France, 105 min. April 21 and 24 **GOLDEN SLUMBERS** 2011, Davy Chou, France/Cambodia, 96 min.

April 28 and May 1 **TBA**

May 5 and 8 CAMBODIAN SON 2014, Masahiro Sugano, USA/Cambodia, 90 min.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

DOCUMENTARY PREMIERES



From January 5 through February 1, the Gene Siskel Film Center celebrates the art of the documentary with the series *Stranger Than Fiction: Documentary Premieres*, presenting the Chicago debuts of eight new documentary releases. Twelve different producing nations are represented in films offering perspectives from Chicago and Alaska to Israel, Japan, Mexico, and Qatar.

The series opens and closes with films by Chicago directors appearing in person: Karen Weinberg's KEEP TALKING, produced by Kartemquin Films, and Jack C. Newell's 42 GRAMS. Check our web site for guest appearance updates.

—Barbara Scharres

KEEP TALKING

2017, Karen Weinberg, USA, 80 min.

Friday, January 5, 8:15 pm Thursday, January 11, 8:15 pm Director Karen Weinberg in person at both screenings.



The power of language transforms the lives of four young women and becomes a cultural catalyst in this vibrant Kartemquin-produced saga set in and around Kodiak, Alaska. Director Weinberg spent five years following the efforts of a handful of elders in a struggling Native American community who refuse to let their ancient Alutiiq language die. Teaching it with love and patience to a new generation, they spark a new strength and pride in heritage. In English and Kodiak Alutiiq with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

BOBBI JENE

2017, Elvira Lind, Denmark/Sweden/Israel, 95 min.

Saturday, January 6, 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 9, 8:15 pm

After a decade with Israel's avant-garde Batsheva Dance Company, Iowa-bred former Juilliard student Bobbi Jene Smith makes the hard decision to return home to pursue a solo career. Director Lind traces the steps as the thirty-year-old dancer reinvents herself in New York with a dangerously provocative, physically demanding piece that challenges her conservative Christian family and may risk her future with the younger dancer who is her lover. <u>Note:</u> Includes nudity and sexually explicit content. In English. DCP digital. (BS)

"Stranger Than Fiction" continues on next page.



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STRANGER THAN FICTION CONTINUED



TOKYO IDOLS

2017, Kyoko Miyake, Canada/UK/Japan, 90 min.

Friday, January 12, 6:00 pm Thursday, January 18, 6:00 pm

This documentary takes an inside look at the uniquely Japanese cult surrounding young female J-pop stars known as "idols." Director Miyake focuses on mega-star teen diva RioRio, who is at a turning point, admitting at age nineteen that she's almost too old for fan tastes. On the flip side, the film examines the cult of the idols' fans, consisting of lonely middle-aged men whose fetishized fixation on these barely legal girls has nurtured a billion-dollar industry. In Japanese with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)



THE CHALLENGE

2016, Yuri Ancarani, France/Italy/Switzerland, 70 min.

Saturday, January 13, 5:15 pm Monday, January 15, 6:00 pm

In the Qatar desert, young oil-rich sheiks pursue the pastime of falconry and show off pricey vehicles and high-tech toys in a hallucinatory film that is less a documentary than a starkly elegant composition of tableaux vivants. Pampered birds valued at upwards of \$24,000 pursue a doomed pigeon, while their owners gamble fortunes on the outcome. Director Ancarani's distanced observation eschews overt social comment for a surreal portrait of a very private subculture. In Arabic with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)



BEUYS

2017, Andres Veiel, Germany, 107 min.

Saturday, January 20, 3:00 pm Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 pm

This portrait of Joseph Beuys makes plain the audacity and intellectual depth of this avant-garde artist-philosopher, who maintained that "everyone is an artist." Labeled "the Andy Warhol of Germany" but often ridiculed in his homeland, Beuys created daring consciousness-expanding work that reverberated through the international art world in the Sixties and beyond. Director Veiel includes a trove of never-before-seen interviews and footage showing Beuys in action. In German and English with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)



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(ETIQUETA NO RIGUROSA) 2017, Cristina Herrera Borquez, Mexico, 92 min.

Sunday, January 21, 5:00 pm Thursday, January 25, 7:45 pm

After a Mexican Supreme Court judge rules gay marriage legal, long-time partners Victor and Fernando decide to marry in their hometown of Mexicali, Baja California, touching off a bureaucratic panic among local civil authorities. From the governor to the mayor to the lowest clerks, all the machinery of government is mobilized against two men in love, who manage to maintain a healthy sense of humor and perspective in this bizarre, often comic, and ultimately heartwarming tale. In Spanish with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

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SHADOWMAN

2017, Oren Jacoby, USA, 81 min.

Friday, January 26, 6:00 pm Monday, January 29, 6:00 pm

The rise, fall, and brief resurrection of pre-Banksy street artist Richard Hambleton, *aka* Shadowman, also provides a compelling look at the machinery of fame in this art-world chronicle. Hambleton's haunting "crime scene" shadow figures on the walls and in the alleys of lower Manhattan made him an underground star, but addiction and illness brought him to homelessness. Twenty years later, director Jacoby follows his unlikely rise from obscurity to become the reluctant toast of the high-art gallery scene. DCP digital. (BS)



42 GRAMS

2017, Jack C. Newell, USA, 82 min.

Saturday, January 27, 8:00 pm Sunday, January 28, 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 31, 8:00 pm Thursday, February 1, 6:00 pm Director Jack C. Newell in person at all screenings.

Chicago chef Jake Bickelhaupt's pursuit of two Michelin stars as the fulfillment of his American dream is chronicled in this intimate documentary tracing the rise and demise of 42 Grams, his much-lauded restaurant. Director Newell follows the trajectory of the dream, as hope, ambition, and success are newly seasoned with discord for an unexpected recipe for the future. DCP digital. (BS)



Chicago European Union Film Festival

The Gene Siskel Film Center's *Chicago European Union Film Festival*, the largest festival in the nation showcasing films of European Union nations exclusively, will open on Friday, March 9, and play on both our screens through Thursday, April 5. Now in its 21st year, the festival annually presents Chicago premieres of more than 60 feature films representing the 28 EU nations.

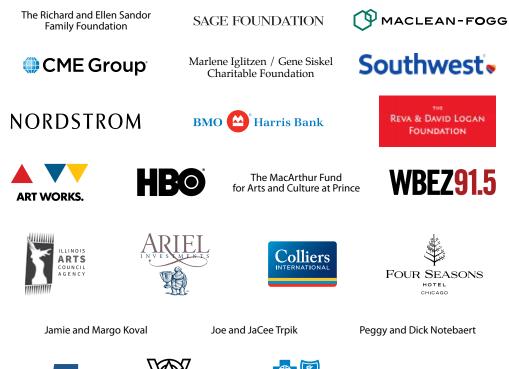
With Bulgaria in the presidency of the EU, our festival will open with Stephan Komandarev's zesty tragicomedy DIRECTIONS. Other films confirmed to date include Bruno Dumont's unorthodox musical JEANNETTE: THE CHILDHOOD OF JOAN OF ARC; Radu Jude's searing Romanian documentary THE DEAD NATION; the German black-comic caper film BYE BYE GERMANY; the Hungarian blockbuster BET ON REVENGE; the tense Irish drama MAZE; the Belgian film SOUVENIR with Isabel Huppert; the British romantic comedy ANCHOR AND HOPE with Geraldine Chaplin and her daughter Oona Chaplin; and the biopics GODARD MON AMOUR (formerly titled REDOUBTABLE) and NICO, 1988.

See all these and more in the March *Gazette* (available February 15) and on our website (www.siskelfilmcenter.org/ceuff).



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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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Ticket prices: \$11 General Admission; \$7 Students; \$6 Members. *Unless otherwise noted.*



(LE CRIME DE MONSIEUR LANGE) 1936, Jean Renoir, France, 81 min. With René Lefèvre, Jules Berry, Florelle

"Perhaps the most delightful of Renoir's films...It's as topical as any movie made this year, and a good deal funnier than most." —J. Hoberman, The New York Times

This long-unavailable comedy-romancemurder story merits rediscovery as one of Renoir's greatest prewar masterpieces. A meek dreamer (Lefèvre) writes stories of the Wild West that become a popular sensation. When his exploitative publisher is removed by a train crash, the business turns into a thriving collective, but some unexpected twists lie ahead... Made while left-wing Popular Front solidarity was cresting in France, LANGE is an object lesson in how to make a political film that is neither simplistic nor didactic. In French with English subtitles. New 4K DCP digital restoration. (MR)

January 12—18

Fri., 1/12 at 2 pm and 6 pm; Sat., 1/13 at 2 pm and 8:15 pm; Sun., 1/14 at 3 pm; Mon., 1/15 at 6 pm; Tue., 1/16 at 6 pm; Wed., 1/17 at 6 pm; Thu., 1/18 at 7:45 pm