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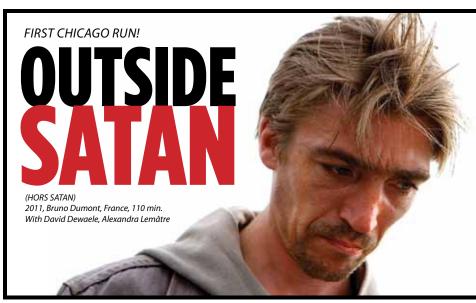
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"Mind-blowing...the most impressive new movie I've seen so far this year."—Ben Sachs, Chicago Reader

In this latest mix of mysticism and mayhem by the always audacious Dumont (TWENTYNINE PALMS, HADEWIJCH), a mysterious drifter known only as Le Gars ("The Guy") acquires a disciple in the form of a teenaged village girl. She follows him through the countryside as he performs random acts of violence and healing. Is he good or evil, Christ or Satan, miracleworker or charlatan? In French with English subtitles. 35mm widescreen. (MR)

#### August 2—8

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



CHICAGO PREMIERE!

# DRUG WAR

(DU ZHAN) 2012, Johnnie To, China/Hong Kong 107 min. With Louis Koo, Sun Honglei

"A superb thriller...ranks among To's very best work."—James Mudge, BeyondHollywood.com

Captain Zhang (Sun), a wily narcotics cop, engages in a battle of wits with Choi (Koo), a meth-manufacturing mid-level drug dealer who faces the death penalty unless he

a metn-manufacturing mid-level drug dealer w leads the police to his overlord. Characteristic of action auteur To, there are no straight lines in this tightly choreographed plot in which violence can strike like lightning in a maze of false identities, betrayals, and hidden motives. In Cantonese and Mandarin with English subtitles. DCP. (BS)

#### August 9—15

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

# Prances Ha

2012, Noah Baumbach, USA, 86 min. With Greta Gerwig, Mickey Sumner

"Greta Gerwig is a radiant revelation."—Mary Houlihan, Chicago Sun-Times

Critics are going wild for Greta Gerwig's career-making performance in FRANCES HA. Her free-spirited New Yorker is an apprentice dancer with the body language

of a goofball perpetually slipping on a banana peel. Lacking a job, a goal, or a permanent boyfriend, Frances drifts toward self-discovery with an unforced charm that has caused FRANCES HA to be compared with the early films of Godard and Truffaut. DCP.

August 16—22 Fri., Mon. and Wed. at 6:15 pm; Sat. at 3:00 pm and 8:15 pm; Sun. at 4:45 pm; Tue. and Thu. at 8:00 pm





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			have experienced several unforeseen switches. We considered eliminating format listings altogether, but we know that this is an important factor for some customers. We will continue to list formats to the best of our knowledge, but we advise customers to realize that such listings are provisional and to double-check on our website (siskelfilmcenter.org) for late-breaking changes.			
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# Black Harvest

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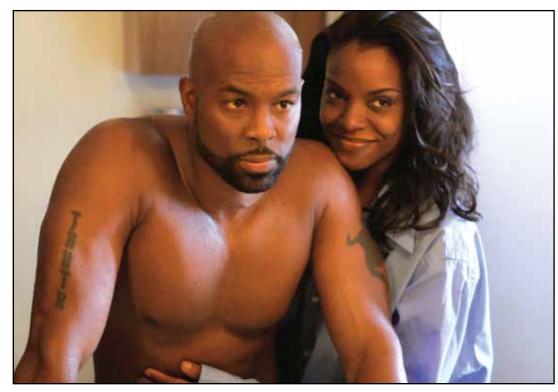


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#### FOUR OF HEARTS, August 23, 24

From Aug. 2 through 29, the Gene Siskel Film Center presents the *Black Harvest Film Festival*, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> amazing year of celebrating the stories, images, and history of the black experience. Be sure to check our web site at www.siskelfilmcenter.org for updates on filmmaker appearances and special events. All films are eligible for the *Black Harvest* Audience Award; ballots available in our lobby.

The festival kicks off on Aug. 2, when NBC 5's LeeAnn Trotter MCs A Black Harvest Feast, which includes the presentation of this year's Deloris Jordan Award for Excellence in Community Leadership to acclaimed installation artist Theaster Gates, who is committed to the revitalization of inner city neighborhoods through combined urban planning and art practices.

For closing night on Aug. 29, HBO sponsors a sneak preview of Whoopi Goldberg's directorial debut, WHOOPI GOLDBERG PRESENTS MOMS MABLEY, followed by our closing night party. Additional special events include a

tasty reception sponsored by Real Men Cook before the Aug. 16 screening of HOME AGAIN, and screenings of THINGS NEVER SAID dedicated to the memory of *Ebony* journalist Terry Glover, who participated in the founding of *Black Harvest*. *Action! The Real Deal About Filmmaking* (Aug. 24) is this year's edition of the ever-popular panel discussion and DIY workshop.

Photographs by Rashayla Marie Brown, curated by Gan Uyeda, will be on exhibit in our gallery/café throughout the festival.

The Black Harvest Film Festival is supported by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; and Orbitz. This project is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. Art Works. Special thanks to festival consultant Sergio Mims, our Black Harvest Community Council, and to the many filmmakers who help make this festival possible.

-Barbara Scharres

#### **Family Friendly Films!**

For your convenience, we have designated programs that are Family Friendly with the symbol **FF**.

#### Purchase a Black Harvest festival pass for \$50!

Six movies for less than the price of five, plus a free small popcorn with each film. Turn in your pass at the end of the festival for a \$5 discount on a Gene Siskel Film Center membership. A \$92 value for \$50!





## **Opening Night Celebration**

Join Master of Ceremonies LeeAnn Trotter of NBC 5 Chicago for the opening night celebration. The *Deloris Jordan Award for Excellence in Community Leadership* will be presented to Theaster Gates. After the show, the audience is invited to join our celebrity guests for a reception in our gallery/café.

Friday, August 2, 6:45 pm



#### OPENING NIGHT FILMS!

## **A Black Harvest Feast**

2012-13, Various directors, USA/UK, 64 min.

Enjoy a sneak preview of the 2013 "harvest" through four short films. In Martine Jean's THE SILENT TREATMENT (2013, 9 min.), this romance may be straight out of a silent movie, but the lady's intentions are loud and clear. A family grows in its own unique way in Steven Caple Jr.'s poignant A DIFFERENT TREE (2013, 15 min.). Painterly special effects make for an eye-popping look at Zanzibar in Kibwe Tavares's JONAH (2013, 18 min.). A stressed dad relearns a lesson in love from his little boy in Ralph K. Scott's BARBASOL (2012, 22 min.). (BS) **FF** 

Director Ralph K. Scott (BARBASOL) will be present.

Special admission prices for this program: General Admission \$25; Students \$20; Members \$15. Proceeds from this screening benefit the educational programs of the Gene Siskel Film Center. No free passes, blue tickets, or Black Harvest festival passes will be valid for this screening.

**■ BARBASOL** 

#### CLOSING NIGHT FILM! FREE ADMISSION!



# WHOOPI GOLDBERG PRESENTS MOMS MABLEY

2013, Whoopi Goldberg, USA, 90 min

#### Thursday, August 29, 6:30 pm

Breaking racial and sexual boundaries as a pioneering comic talent, the African-American stand-up comedienne Jackie "Moms" Mabley has long been an icon in the comedy world. First-time director Whoopi Goldberg explores Mabley's legacy through recently unearthed photography, rediscovered performance footage, and the words of numerous celebrated comedians, entertainers, and historians, including Eddie Murphy, Joan Rivers, Sidney Poitier, Kathy Griffin, Harry Belafonte, Bill Cosby, Quincy Jones, Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara. (HBO)

This is a complimentary screening courtesy of HBO. Seating is limited; to reserve a seat go to www.homeboxoffice.com/rsvp/mm\_chicago after July 12. WHOOPI GOLDBERG PRESENTS MOMS MABLEY will air on HBO in November. Immediately following the screening, there will be a dessert reception hosted by HBO and the Gene Siskel Film Center.

HBO DOCUMENTARY FILMS



# Black Harvest CONTINUED







**DESTINATION: PLANET NEGRO!, August 23, 27** 

Festival panel discussion Free admission!

#### **Action!**

The Real Deal About Filmmaking: Money, Casting, Production, and Distribution

#### Saturday, August 24, 6:00 pm

Our annual panel discussion will dissect the process of making a film, from getting the money to casting, production, post-production, and distribution. Black Harvest festival consultant Sergio Mims heads up a panel of filmmakers to include director Katherine Nero (FOR THE CAUSE) and others. The audience is invited to participate with questions in this provocative forum. (BS)

#### **BABE'S AND RICKY'S INN**

2013, Ramin Niami, USA, 90 min

#### Sunday, August 4, 3:15 pm Monday, August 5, 8:15 pm

This loving portrait celebrates the legendary South Central L.A. blues club and the indomitable woman who ran it for over 50 years: Laura Mae Gross, better known as "Mama Laura." Guitar Shorty, Ray Bailey, Deacon Jones, Keb' Mo', South Side Slim, Tokyo Missispipi, and many others testify to the club's profound influence on their music and demonstrate it in rousing performances. (MR)



FOR THE CAUSE, August 3, 8

#### CHARLES LLOYD: ARROWS INTO INFINITY

2013, Dorothy Darr and Jeffrey Morse, USA, 114 min.

Sunday, August 11, 5:00 pm Monday, August 12, 8:00 pm



Charismatic, ceaselessly evolving, and constantly crossing boundaries, reed man Charles Lloyd has been in the vanguard of jazz for over 50 years. This intimate portrait conveys the

astonishing range of Lloyd's career, including his Memphis roots; his counterculture crossovers in the 1960s; his Garboesque seclusion in the 1970s; his collaborations with Keith Jarrett, the Beach Boys, Burgess Meredith, and Michel Petrucciani; and the comeback that began in the late 1980s and is still going strong. (MR) **FF** 

World premiere! Kevin Willmott in person!

### DESTINATION: PLANET NEGRO!

2013, Kevin Willmott, USA, 98 min. With Danielle Cooper, Tosin Morohunfala

Friday, August 23, 8:30 pm Tuesday, August 27, 8:30 pm A smart satire with a wicked streak of goofball humor, DESTINATION: PLANET NEGRO! has the feel of low-budget 1950s sci-fi, as leaders including W.E.B. DuBois and George Washington Carver hatch a secret plot to solve the "Negro Problem" by way of a rocket ship to Mars. A time warp lands the spacecraft in a present-day Midwestern metropolis, where the astonished adventurers discover unbelievable developments like young men with drooping pants and the election of a black president. (BS)

Director Kevin Willmott will be present for audience discussion on Friday.

Katherine Nero in person!

#### **FOR THE CAUSE**

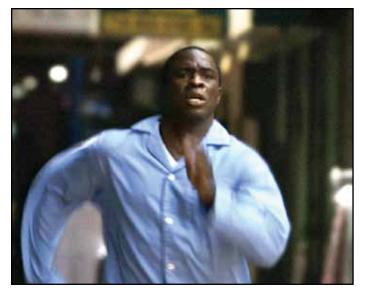
2013, Katherine Nero, USA, 80 min. With Charlette Speigner, Shariba Rivers

#### Saturday, August 3, 8:00 pm Thursday, August 8, 8:30 pm

Family melodrama and political history strike sparks in Chicago native and Northwestern grad Nero's explosive first film. Mirai Scott (Speigner), a tightly wound lawyer, reluctantly agrees to defend her estranged father on a first-degree murder charge, much to the dismay of her embittered mother. Mirai's investigation stirs up skeletons from her parents' Black Panther days, setting past and present on a collision course. (MR)

Director Katherine Nero will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.





HOME AGAIN, August 16, 21

HOME, August 25, 26

Eric Haywood in person!

#### **FOUR OF HEARTS**

2013, Eric Haywood, USA, 99 min. With Darrin DeWitt Henson, Nadine Ellis

#### Friday, August 23, 6:15 pm Saturday, August 24, 8:30 pm

The seven-year itch arrives early for young marrieds April and Derrick in this comedy-drama, as the pair come to the realization that the spark has been missing in their bedroom for quite some time. Friends Christy and Matt move into the adjoining townhouse, and camaraderie takes a sexy turn when it develops that the new neighbors are secret swingers. Variety might be the spice of life, but can April and Derrick handle this hot recipe for modern marriage? (BS)

Director Eric Haywood will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

Jono Oliver in person!

#### HOME

2013, Jono Oliver, USA, 112 min. With Gbenga Akinnagbe, Tawny Cypress

#### Sunday, August 25, 5:15 pm Monday, August 26, 8:15 pm

HOME is a powerful drama about a desperate man's struggle to find a haven. Jack, a 33-year-old mental patient, is due to leave the institution, but first he has to overcome a series of daunting obstacles, including money, crime, and inner demons. First-time writer-director Oliver makes superb use of urban locations, but the heart of this character-driven drama is the acting, featuring an intense lead performance by Akinnagbe ("Chris



IN OUR HEADS ABOUT OUR HAIR, August 4, 7

Partlow" in The Wire). (MR)

Director Jono Oliver will be present for audience discussion on Sunday.

#### **HOME AGAIN**

2012, Sudz Sutherland, Canada, 104 min. With Tatyana Ali, CCH Pounder

#### Friday, August 16, 8:30 pm Wednesday, August 21, 8:15 pm

Director Sutherland (LOVE, SEX AND EATING THE BONES) puts a human face on immigration issues with three rousing interlinked stories. Marva (Ali), a widowed Canadian mother, unknowingly transported contraband; Everton, an upper-crust London schoolboy, was arrested with a few joints; tough guy Alton

has a minor criminal record in New York. Although none has seen Jamaica since childhood, all are deported and left to cope on the mean streets of Kingston without family, friends, or resources. (BS)

On Friday, Real Men Cook host a pre-film reception in our gallery/café beginning at 7:30 pm. Note: valid ticket to the screening is required for entry to the reception.

### IN OUR HEADS ABOUT OUR HAIR

2012, Hemamset Angaza, USA, 79 min.

Sunday, August 4, 5:15 pm Wednesday, August 7, 8:30 pm

Black hair is a subject that

comes with its own history, politics, practical issues, and loads of emotional baggage in director Angaza's illuminating documentary, as testified to by the scores of women who model every conceivable coiffure as they offer insight into their complex relationship with their crowning glory. Going natural vs. conforming to mainstream standards of beauty is just one of the questions debated by the interviewees. (BS) **FF** 

## IN SEARCH OF THE BLACK KNIGHT

2013, Tamarat Makonnen, USA, 75 min.

#### Friday, August 9, 6:30 pm Saturday, August 10, 8:15 pm

Many African American professional women lament the shortage of eligible black men, a provocative subject that comes in for a humorous and thought-provoking exploration in this often hilarious



documentary.
Director
Makonnen
takes his quest
from coast to
coast, blending
commentary
by relationship
experts, candid
street interviews,
and some very
entertaining

sketch comedy, all providing speculation on the causes and the possible remedies for the scarcity of that elusive black Prince Charming. (BS)

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THE MAN IN THE SILO, August 9, 14

## JAMEL SHABAZZ STREET PHOTOGRAPHER

2011, Charlie Ahearn, USA, 81 min.

#### Sunday, August 11, 3:15 pm Monday, August 12, 6:15 pm

Ahearn's 1983 opus WILD STYLE was the definitive document of hip-hop culture. In his first film in over a decade, he looks back at the movement he helped to put on the map, this time through the eyes of another pioneer, celebrated Brooklyn-based photographer Jamel Shabazz. Starting in the 1980s, Shabazz captured the styles and attitudes of street life in a series of collaborative, theatrically posed group photographs that have been called "a cornerstone of hip-hop culture." (MR)

Filmmakers in person!

#### THE MAN IN THE SILO

2012, Phil Donlon, USA, 55 min. With Ernie Hudson, Jane Alderman

#### Friday, August 9, 8:15 pm Wednesday, August 14, 8:15 pm

Filmed in the Chicago area, THE MAN IN THE SILO is a bold mix of horror, Hitchcock, racial themes, and experimental narrative. Ernie Hudson (Oz, GHOSTBUSTERS) delivers a tour-de-force performance as an African American corporate executive haunted by the recent deaths of his wife and child and fearful that he is being squeezed out by his white business associates. Preceded by the short film JONAH (2013, Kibwe Tavares, UK, 18 min.). (MR)



**JAMEL SHABAZZ STREET PHOTOGRAPHER, August 11, 12** 

Director Phil Donlon, producer Steven Ordower, and co-writer Christopher Ellis will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

Filmmakers in person!

#### THE RETRIEVAL

2013, Chris Eska, USA, 92 min. With Ashton Sanders, Tishuan Scott

#### Saturday, August 17, 8:15 pm Sunday, August 18, 5:00 pm

This provocative, deeply involving historical drama created a buzz at SXSW, where Tishuan Scott won the Best Acting award. Set on the fringes of the Civil War, the story centers on Will (Sanders), a 13-year-old black boy who is used by Southern slave-hunters to lure

runaways back to captivity. One such mission sends him up north to entrap Nate (Scott), a freed slave with a large price on his head. The suspense builds as Will finds a surrogate father in the proud man whom he is compelled to betray. (MR) **FF** 

Director Chris Eska and actor Keston John will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

Filmmakers in person!

**SHORTS PROGRAM:** 

#### Black History— Lost and Found

2011-2013, Various directors, USA, 76 min.

Monday, August 26, 6:15 pm

Five thought-provoking films with historical themes: THE ROPER (2012, Ewan McNicol and Anna Sandilands, 6 min.), THE DATE (2013, Vera J. Brooks, 10 min.), WASTEISM (2013, Marcus Moreno, 12 min.), OUR RHINELAND (2011, Faren Humes, 16 min.), and MOUND BAYOU: JEWEL OF THE DELTA (2012, Jon Ross and John H. Rogers III, 32 min.), the fascinating history of a oncethriving Mississippi town founded by former slaves. (MR)

Co-directors Jon Ross and John H. Rogers III (MOUND BAYOU) and director Marcus Moreno (WASTEISM) will be present for audience discussion.

Dion Strowhorn Sr. in person! SHORTS PROGRAM:

#### **Black Noir**

2012-2013, Various directors, USA/UK, 92 min

#### Tuesday, August 13, 8:30 pm Monday, August 19, 8:00 pm

Five films take a walk on the dark side: JUNIOR (2012, Jeffrey Elmont, USA, 11 min.), 4-1-9 (2012, Alexander Etseyatse, UK, 16 min.), CHAPTER ONE (2012, Tony Tambi, USA, 19 min.), SWEET, SWEET COUNTRY (2013, Dehanza Rogers, USA, 18 min.), and the Chicagoset OVER THE EDGE (2013, Dion Strowhorn Sr., USA, 28 min.), a deceptive tale about a recently released mental patient's struggle to overcome a tragic romance. (MR)

Director Dion Strowhorn Sr. (OVER THE EDGE) will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.







**BUSTED ON BRIGHAM LANE, August 25, 27** 

Ali Kamanda in person! **SHORTS PROGRAM:** 

#### International Visions

2011-13, Various directors, 77 min.

#### Monday, August 5, 6:15 pm

In Ali Kamanda's SALAY (2011, Sierra Leone, 44 min.), a bright, pretty village girl, the apple of her father's eye, naively accepts a shady uncle's offer of help in order to pursue her dream. Preceded by two shorts: Kibwe Tavares's Sundance festival favorite JONAH (2013, UK, 18 min) and Shaun Escayg's FISH (2012, Trinidad and Tobago, 15 min.). (BS)

Director Ali Kamanda (SALAY) will be present for audience discussion

Filmmakers in person! **SHORTS PROGRAM:** 

#### **Love African American Style**

2012-13, Various directors, USA, 86 min.

#### Friday, August 16, 6:15 pm, Thursday, August 22, 8:15 pm

Love is funny, love is soulful, and love is challenging in this evocative program in which emotions of the

heart can provoke a tender kiss or a spiteful spat. Films include: ME by Adolfo R. Mora (2013, 4 min.); PROSPECT by Derrick Perry (2012, 12 min.); TEXT TONE by Sandrel "Sanicole" Young (2013, 13 min.); FAUX PAS by Raphael Nash (2013, 21 min.); SOUL MATES by Reginald T. Jackson (2013, 27 min.); and THE SILENT TREATMENT by Martine Jean (2012, 9 min.). (BS)

Directors Derrick Perry (PROSPECT) and Sandrel Young (TEXT TONE) are tentatively scheduled to be present for audience discussion at both screeninas.

Jared Katsiane in person! **SHORTS PROGRAM:** 

#### We Are Family

85 min.

2012-13, Various directors, USA/Canada,

Sunday, August 25, 3:00 pm Tuesday, August 27, 6:15 pm

In this heart-warming program, six directors explore how to be one with your family in good times and trying times while staying true to yourself. Films include: CLEAN

TEETH WEDNESDAYS by Catherine

Bruhier (2012, 8 min.); DUST by



SOLACE, August 14, 15



THINGS NEVER SAID, August 6, 7

Shane Book (2013, 9 min.); BIG WILLOW by Jared Katsiane (2013, 11 min.); A DIFFERENT TREE by Steven Caple, Jr. (2013, 15 min); BUSTED ON BRIGHAM LANE by Talibah Newman (2012, 20 min.); and BARBASOL by Ralph K. Scott (2012, 22 min.). (BS)

Director Jared Katsiane (BIG WILLOW) is tentatively scheduled to be present for audience discussion.

Vandon N. Gibbs in person!

#### SOLACE

2013, Vandon N. Gibbs, USA, 76 min. With Dupree Lewis Jr., Dixie Light

#### Wednesday, August 14, 6:15 pm Thursday, August 15, 8:45 pm

Director Gibbs (COMPLEXION) turns a withering eye on a largely corrupt, largely white world in this superbly scripted and acted chamber-noir in which three seemingly unrelated plotlines snap together with the finality of a steel trap. The ingredients: a nervous white lawyer, an intimidating black hustler, an enigmatic bargain, an adulterous politician, his suspicious wife, a woman tied to a chair, and a hired killer. (MR)

Director Vandon N. Gibbs will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

#### THINGS NEVER SAID

2012, Charles Murray, USA, 112 min. With Shanola Hampton, Elimu Nelson

#### Tuesday, August 6, 8:15 pm Wednesday, August 7, 6:15 pm

A young poet searches for her true voice in this romantic drama that explores love, ego, and the elusive muse. Kalindra, a regular at openmic nights at a Los Angeles poetry club, struggles with stage fright and the disapproval of an angry husband. New York beckons as the platform for a new start, but not before Kal's resolve undergoes a trial by fire, and the advent of new love alters the way she looks at the world. (BS)

Screenings of THINGS NEVER SAID are dedicated to the memory of Terry Glover (1955-2012), Chicago-based Ebony magazine editor and writer, who participated in the founding of the Black Harvest Film Festival.



# Examining David Fincher

"I don't know how much movies should entertain. To me, I'm always interested in movies that scar."—David Fincher

From August 3 through September 5, the Gene Siskel Film Center presents *Examining David Fincher*, presenting all nine films from the vanguard American director.

Born in Denver in 1962, David Fincher started his career in commercials and music videos. His first break in features came as a hired gun to direct the third installment in the ALIEN franchise, but studio meddling made the experience a frustrating one for perfectionist Fincher. On 1995's SE7EN, when the specter of studio interference reared its head again, star Brad Pitt used his influence to insist on Fincher's cut. The result was a huge box-office success and the beginning of a successful actor/director collaboration that would continue with FIGHT CLUB (1999) and 2008's THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON.

The underlying themes of Fincher's recent films have begun to mimic the director's notorious perfectionism and self-admitted obsessiveness: the dogged attempts to unmask the killer in ZODIAC (2007), the meticulous business of engineering success in THE SOCIAL NETWORK (2010), the razor-sharp dissection of buried secrets in THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (2011). This unique analytical perspective sets Fincher apart among his peers; as he said, "People always ask why I don't make independent movies. I do make independent movies. I do make independent movies them at Sony and Paramount."

—Christopher Sanew

#### SE7EN

1995, David Fincher, USA, 128 min. With Morgan Freeman, Brad Pitt

Saturday, August 3, 3:00 pm Thursday, August 8, 6:00 pm

An enormous critical and commercial hit, SE7EN's grim 'n' gritty aesthetic continues to shape the style of the "serial killer film." On the brink of retirement, world-weary Detective Somerset (Freeman) reluctantly agrees to show new



SE7EN, August 3, 8



ALIEN<sup>3</sup>, August 3, 6

transfer Detective Mills (Pitt) the ropes, when a new case—a serial killer who uses the Seven Deadly Sins as his M.O.—lands on their desk. 35mm widescreeen. (CS)

#### ALIEN<sup>3</sup>

1992, David Fincher, USA/UK, 114 min.

With Sigourney Weaver, Charles S. Dutton

Saturday, August 3, 5:30 pm Tuesday, August 6, 6:00 pm

After her escape pod crash lands on a prison planet populated by all-male inmates, Lt. Ripley (Weaver) discovers that she is the only survivor—at least the only human survivor. Fincher arrived late to the troubled production, but

he manages to imbue the action with a deep sense of dread and foreboding that prefigures his breakthrough feature, SE7EN. 35mm widescreen.

#### **SATURDAY DOUBLE-BILL DISCOUNT!**

Buy a ticket for the first David Fincher film on any Saturday in August (except Aug. 24), and get a ticket for the second Fincher film that day at this discount rate (tickets must be purchased at the same time): General Admission \$7; Students \$6; Members \$4. (This discount rate applies to the second film only. Discount rate available only at the Film Center box office.)



#### **FIGHT CLUB**

1999, David Fincher, USA, 139 min. With Brad Pitt, Edward Norton

#### Saturday, August 10, 3:00 pm Thursday, August 15, 6:00 pm

An unnamed sad-sack (Norton) gets a fresh outlook on life when he meets fast-talking schemer Tyler Durden (Pitt). Discovering the catharsis in two men beating the hell out of each other, they form an underground Fight Club, quickly joined by likeminded followers. A critical and commercial failure upon its release, FIGHT CLUB has since become the quintessential guy movie. DCP. (CS)

#### **THE GAME**

1997, David Fincher, USA, 129 min. With Michael Douglas, Sean Penn

#### Saturday, August 10, 5:45 pm Tuesday, August 13, 6:00 pm

Commenting on Fincher's own notoriously obsessive perfectionism, this mind-bending thriller centers on a control-freak investment banker (Douglas) who finds himself enrolled in a game that causes his well-ordered life to malfunction on every level, from leaky pens to financial ruin. Is it all an elaborate practical joke, a deadly conspiracy, or a badly needed lifelesson? 35mm widescreen. (MR)

#### **ZODIAC**

2007, David Fincher, USA, 162 min. With Jake Gyllenhaal, Robert Downey, Jr.

#### Saturday, August 17, 3:00 pm Tuesday, August 20, 6:30 pm

A newspaper cartoonist (Gyllenhaal) pursues a 14-year quest to find San Francisco's elusive "Zodiac Killer," joined by a jumpy crime reporter (Downey) and a tenacious detective (Mark Ruffalo). Fincher subverts genre conventions—there are no heroes, Lecteresque ghouls, or tidy explanations, just the unsettling dread wrung from every dead-end lead and minute detail. 35mm; director's cut. (CS)



FIGHT CLUB, August 10, 15



THE GAME, August 10, 13

#### **PANIC ROOM**

2002, David Fincher, USA, 112 min. With Jodie Foster, Kristen Stewart

Saturday, August 17, 6:00 pm Thursday, August 22, 6:00 pm

This expertly made thriller taps the vein of trapped-in-the-apartment classics like DIAL M



ZODIAC, August 17, 20



PANIC ROOM, August 17, 22

FOR MURDER and WAIT UNTIL DARK. A newlyseparated mother (Foster) and her daughter (Stewart) move into a Manhattan brownstone. They are soon menaced by three burglars and forced to take refuge in the fortress-like chamber of the title—but is it a sanctuary or a trap? 35mm widescreen. (MR)

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# STORIES WE TELL

2012, Sarah Polley, Canada, 108 min.

"★★★★ Remarkable...transcends every cliché." — Michael Phillips, *Chicago Tribune* 

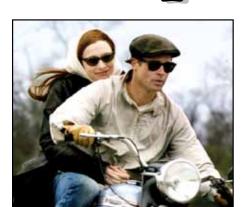
Actress-turned-director Polley (TAKE THIS WALTZ) sets out to profile her wild-child mother, who died when Polley was a rising child-star, and spins a mind-boggling tale of family secrets that cast doubt on her own paternity. In a tale that might reflect every family with something to hide, Polley delves into the mysteries of the star-crossed marriage of her parents, an introverted writer and an ebullient actress. 35mm. (BS)

#### August 23—28

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



# David Fincher CONTINUED



THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON, August 24, 28

## THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON

2008, David Fincher, USA, 166 min. With Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett

#### Saturday, August 24, 3:00 pm Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 pm

Arguably Fincher's most ambitious, personal, and technically impressive movie, this modern tall-tale concerns a man who is born old and ages backward, in a wide-ranging narrative that begins with the end of World War I and ends as the waters of Katrina sweep into New Orleans, turning its hero's episodic life into a bittersweet meditation on time, death, and what makes life precious. DCP. (MR)



THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO, August 31, September 4

## THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO

2011, David Fincher, USA, 158 min. With Rooney Mara, Daniel Craig

#### Saturday, August 31, 3:00 pm Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 pm

Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy had already spawned a series of successful Swedish films before Rooney Mara donned Lisbeth Salander's trademark piercings, but she takes complete ownership of the role in Fincher's icy-slick American version. A disgraced journalist (Craig) joins forces with troubled Goth/talented hacker Salander to investigate the 40-year disappearance of a wealthy man's niece. DCP. (CS)



THE SOCIAL NETWORK, August 31, September 5

#### THE SOCIAL NETWORK

2010, David Fincher, USA, 120 min. With Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield

#### Saturday, August 31, 6:00 pm Thursday, September 5, 6:00 pm

Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg (Eisenberg) ascends from Harvard dropout to driven Silicon Valley entrepreneur, striving for perfection at seemingly any cost. Assisted by stellar performances, a whip-smart screenplay by Oscar-winner Aaron Sorkin, and a driving, Oscar-winning score (Trent Reznor, Atticus Ross), Fincher takes an incisive look at the latest evolution of the American Dream. DCP. (CS)



# THE BLING RING

2013, Sofia Coppola, USA, 90 min. With Emma Watson, Katie Chang

"[A] swift, clever bauble...strange and strangely funny."—Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune

"Sly, often hilarious and at times sobering."—Richard Roeper, *Chicago* Sun-Times

Based on the true story of the band of teenaged cat burglars who preyed on celebrities including Paris Hilton and Orlando Bloom, THE BLING RING engages director Coppola (LOST IN TRANSLATION) in the world she knows best. It's a fashionista's wet dream studded with the icons and language of consumerism and celebrity worship. Engrossing yet distanced, this is an odd little cautionary tale couched in a tabloid-worthy exposé of pop-culture madness. DCP. (BS)

#### **TWO-WEEK RUN!**

August 16—22

Fri., Mon. and Wed. at 8:00 pm; Sat. at 6:30 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Tue. and Thu. at 6:15 pm August 23—28

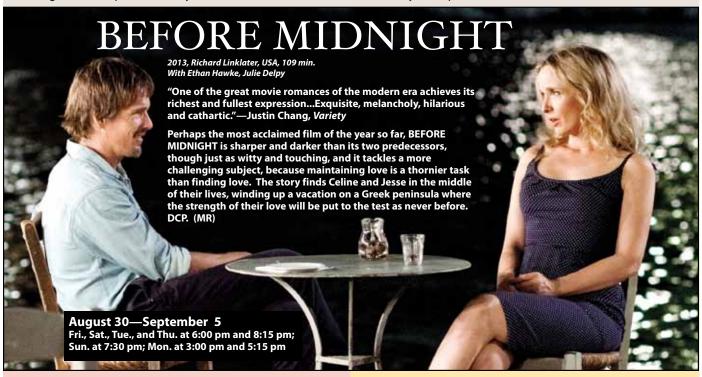
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# The Before Trilogy

"The great romantic epic of a generation."—A.O. Scott, The New York Times

Richard Linklater's BEFORE SUNRISE and its sequels BEFORE SUNSET and BEFORE MIDNIGHT collectively form a rich fourth-dimensional experience of romance shaped by place, memory, and time. We bring the three together on the big screen for an enchanted evening (or afternoon) of love, loss, chance, chat, regret, and rebirth. All three films may be seen in one day on either August 31 or September 1, or you can mix and match them on different days at a special discount rate. (MR)





#### BEFORE SUNRISE

1995, Richard Linklater, USA, 101 min. With Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy

Saturday, August 31, 2:15 pm Sunday, September 1, 3:00 pm Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 pm

"Watching this movie is like falling in love."—Michael Wilmington, Chicago Tribune.

In the trilogy's first film, American backpacker Jesse (Hawke) and Parisian student Celine (Delpy) meet by chance on a train from Budapest, then spend the night wandering through Vienna. As they walk, talk, flirt, and fantasize, their brief time together becomes haunted by a sense of what might have been and what still might be. 35mm. (MR)



#### BEFORE SUNSET

2004, Richard Linklater, USA, 80 min. With Ethan Hawke, Julie Delpy

Saturday, August 31, 4:15 pm Sunday, September 1, 5:00 pm Wednesday, September 4, 8:30 pm

"Sweet, smart, and deeply romantic."—J. Hoberman, Village Voice.

Nine years after the fateful night of BEFORE SUNRISE, Jesse and Celine cross paths again in a Paris bookshop and embark on a soul-searching Seine-side ramble bathed in golden late-afternoon light. Employing long, unbroken takes, Linklater and his actors invest the two characters with extraordinary spontaneity and depth. 35mm. (MR)

#### **BEFORE TRILOGY DISCOUNT!**

Buy a ticket to BEFORE SUNRISE, BEFORE SUNSET, or BEFORE MIDNIGHT, and get a ticket for any shows of the other two films at this discount rate (tickets must be purchased at the same time): General Admission \$7; Students \$6; Members \$4. (This discount rate applies to the second and third films only. Discount rate available only at the Film Center box office.)

# Public Enemies: The Gangster/Crime Film

**Lecturer: Laurence Knapp** 

From August 30 through December 10, we offer a series of fourteen programs entitled *Public Enemies: The Gangster/Crime Film*, with weekly Tuesday lecture/discussions by Laurence Knapp, professor at Oakton Community College and author/editor of books on Clint Eastwood, David Fincher, and Ridley Scott. The series is presented in cooperation with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism. Additional screenings of the films on Friday or Saturday do not include Prof. Knapp's lecture. Admission to all *Public Enemies* programs is \$5 for Film Center members; usual admission prices apply for non-members. The complete *Public Enemies* schedule will appear in the September *Gazette*.



#### BRING ME THE HEAD OF ALFREDO GARCIA

1974, Sam Peckinpah, USA, 112 min. With Warren Oates, Isela Vega

Friday, August 30, 6:00 pm Tuesday, September 3, 6:00 pm

Peckinpah heaps irony upon irony in this twisted South-of-the-Border adventure, initially a flop, ultimately a cult classic. When his unmarried daughter is impregnated,

a Mexican land baron offers a million-dollar reward for the head of the man responsible. Enter Bernie (Oates), a seedy American piano player whose lust for the reward will lead him to do just about anything—even decapitate a corpse. DCP. (BS)

# Onion City Festival Opening Night Program

2010-2013, Various directors and nations, ca. 100 min. total

Thursday, September 5, 8:15 pm

The Opening Night Program of the 25th Onion City Experimental Film and Video Festival, a production of Chicago Filmmakers, features an exciting and eclectic line-up of work. All are Chicago premieres. Confirmed at press time: legendary collage animator Lawrence Jordan's SOLAR SIGHT III (2013, USA, 16 min.); Ben Rivers's haunting remembrance PHANTOMS OF A LIBERTINE (2012, UK, 10 min.); Shai Heredia and Shumona Goel's experimental essay I AM MICRO (2012, India, 14 min.), filmed in an abandoned optics factory; and SILVER/GOLD: PORTRAIT OF EVAN PARKER (2010, UK, 9 min.), in which Neil Henderson focuses our attention on the noted saxophonist's instrument. Plus additional films TBA. For the entire Onion City schedule, visit chicagofilmmakers.org. (Patrick Friel)



# MY WORST NIGHTMARE

(MON PIRE CAUCHEMAR) 2011, Anne Fontaine, France, 103 min. With Isabelle Huppert, Benoît Poelvoorde

Friday, August 30, 8:15 pm Saturday, August 31, 8:15 pm Sunday, September 1, 3:00 and 5:00 pm

"Consistently funny...Fontaine is one of the few current French directors capable of pulling off both heavy drama and rowdy comedy."—J.R. Jones, *Chicago* 

In this often uproarious cultureclash comedy, an upscale, uptight Parisian family gets a badly needed dose of defrosting when their lives are invaded by a rudeand-crude plumber/constructionworker. Huppert has a ball as a mercilessly chic art critic; and Poelvoord is a hoot as the horizons-broadening handyman. In French with English subtitles. DCP. (MR)





1980, Roman Polanski, France/UK, 171 min. With Nastassja Kinski, Peter Firth

Sunday, September 1, 7:00 pm Monday, September 2, 3:15 pm



A wonderful film, beautifully visualized."
—Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times

Winner of three Oscars (Cinematography, Art Direction, Costume Design), TESS is presented in a gorgeous DCP restoration supervised by Polanski himself. Adapted from Thomas Hardy's Tess of the D'Urbervilles, the film draws an affecting performance from 17-year-old Kinski as a strong-willed peasant girl undone by her family's social-climbing aspirations. In English. DCP widescreen. (MR)





#### **NEW 35MM PRINT!**

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

Saturday, August 17, 4:45 pm Sunday, August 18, 3:15 pm Monday, August 19, 6:15 pm Wednesday, August 21, 6:15 pm

"Still feels daring and vital."— Rachel Saltz, *The New York Times* 

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 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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(LE TABLEAU) 2011, Jean-François Laguionie, France, 76 min.

A summer treat for the whole family, THE PAINTING is a visually sumptuous tale of class squabbles among the characters of an unfinished painting. The Alldunns, smug in their intricately colored splendor, lord it over the pale Halfies and blackand-white Sketchies. Forbidden love between the Alldunn Ramo and the Modiglianiesque Halfie Claire becomes the catalyst for a perilous escape from the canvas. Screenings (as indicated below) in English and in French with English subtitles. DCP. (BS)

"A joy...with striking visuals reminiscent of Matisse and Chagall." —Pete Vonder Haar, Village Voice

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