21ST ANNUAL ASIAN AMERICAN SHOWCASE

SEUL SEARCHING, April 1

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“Poignant, funny and well-seasoned portrait of autumnal fervor.”
—Robert Abele, Los Angeles Times

With echoes of BILL CUNNINGHAM NEW YORK and JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI, this engaging documentary portrays an old-school perfectionist in a changing world. For 40 years, chef George Perrier’s Le Bec-Fin restaurant in Philadelphia was a citadel of classic French cuisine. But tastes have changed, and Perrier decides to close—until an outpouring of support moves him to give it one more try. In English and French-accented English with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

April 1—7
Fri. at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm;
Sat. at 6:00 pm;
Sun. at 3:00 pm;
Mon. and Wed. at 6:00 pm;
Tue. and Thu. at 8:15 pm

The proprietor of a failing snack stand hires a kooky 76-year-old with a special recipe in this tasty heart-tugging drama with a mystical bent that is the trademark of director Kawase (THE MOURNING FOREST). The foodie aspect, in which all the steps in producing the sweet pancake pastry are seen, is just the whimsically delicious setup for a deeper story of redemption. In Japanese with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

April 8—14
Fri. at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm;
Sat. at 7:45 pm;
Sun. at 3:00 pm;
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## Gene Siskel Film Center

### MOVIE CLUB

Join us for the Gene Siskel Film Center Movie Club, which will include a post-screening conversation and a complimentary beverage in the Gene Siskel Film Center's Gallery/Café (movie ticket required).

### Sunday, April 11, 6:00 pm

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

(See description on p. 5.)

Facilitator TBD

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**Discount Matinees Fridays at 2:00 PM! $8 General, $5 Members/Students**
**CONCERTO:**
*A Beethoven Journey*

*2015, Phil Grabsky, UK, 92 min.*

"A wonderfully uplifting and rewarding experience."
—James Jolly, *Gramophone*

Music documentarian Grabsky (the IN SEARCH OF... series) revisits Beethoven from a fresh and exciting new perspective. In the course of a 2014-15 worldwide tour devoted to the composer's five piano concertos, the virtuoso pianist Leif Ove Andsnes acts as our guide as he passionately engages these pivotal masterworks, using them to glean insights into the music and the man behind it. DCP digital. (MR)

**April 15—21**
Fri. at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Sat. at 5:30 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Mon. and Wed. at 6:00 pm; Tue. at 8:30 pm; Thu. at 8:15 pm

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**NO HOME MOVIE**

*2015, Chantal Akerman, Belgium, 115 min.*

"An especially moving testament."

In what was to become her final film, Akerman (JEANNE DIELMAN) charts the final days of her own mother Natalia, an Auschwitz survivor long exiled from the land of her birth and distanced from the faith of her fathers. In French, Hebrew, and Spanish with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

**April 8—15**
Fri., Tue., and Thu. at 6:00 pm; Sat. at 3:00 pm; Sun. at 5:15 pm; Wed. at 8:00 pm

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**I DON'T BELONG ANYWHERE: THE CINEMA OF CHANTAL AKERMAN**

*2015, Marianne Lambert, Belgium, 67 min.*

This documentary didn’t set out to be a eulogy for Belgian feminist director Akerman, but her 2015 death by suicide casts it as a timely and invaluable record of a brilliant career. In French with English subtitles. (BS)

**April 8—13**
Fri. and Mon. at 8:15 pm; Sat. at 5:15 pm; Wed. at 6:30 pm

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**TWO-FILM DISCOUNT!**
Buy a ticket at our regular prices for NO HOME MOVIE, and get a ticket for any show of I DON'T BELONG ANYWHERE at the discount price of $4 with proof of your original purchase. (This discount price applies to the second film only. Discount available in person at the box office only.)
SON OF SAUL

With Géza Röhrig, Levente Molnár

“The most exciting film I’ve seen over the past year.”
—Jonathan Rosenbaum, Chicago Reader

Through tight close-ups and shallow depth of field, this Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film plunges the viewer into the terrifying chaos of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Saul (Röhrig), one of a group of Jewish prisoners forced to work in the extermination process, becomes convinced that the body of a boy he unloads from the gas chamber is his son. In Hungarian, German, Yiddish, etc., with English subtitles. 35mm. (BS)

April 1—7
Fri. at 2:00 pm;
Sat. at 8:00 pm;
Sun. at 3:00 pm;
Mon. and Wed. at 7:45 pm;
Tue. and Thu. at 6:00 pm

NEWLY RESTORED!

1985, Akira Kurosawa, Japan, 162 min.
With Tatsuya Nakadai, Mieko Harada

“One of the year’s major cinematic events.”—Mike Dangelo, The A.V. Club (2016)

Kurosawa’s spectacular epic is the crowning masterpiece of his 50-year career. Loosely adapted from King Lear, the story centers on an aging medieval warlord who turns over his lands to his three sons and suffers a series of betrayals that drive him to despair and madness. In Japanese with English subtitles. New 4K DCP digital restoration. (MR)

April 1—6
Fri., Mon., and Wed. at 6:30 pm;
Sat. at 3:00 pm;
Sun. at 4:30 pm

IN 35MM! NEWLY RESTORED!

(1946, Jean Cocteau, France, 95 min.
With Jean Marais, Josette Day

“One of the most magical of all films.”
—Roger Ebert

In this imaginative and eternally popular version of the fairy tale, Marais is an uncommonly appealing Beast, and Day a suitably enchanting Beauty. Henri Alekan’s lustrous cinematography fulfills Cocteau’s directive to give the film “the soft gleam of hand-polished old silver.” In French with English subtitles. Newly restored 35mm print. (MR)

The 6:00 pm screening on Mon., April 11, is a Movie Club event (see p. 3).

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Fri. at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm;
Sat. and Sun. at 3:00 pm;
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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

FIRST CHICAGO RUN!

NO HOME MOVIE

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HOSTILE BORDER

(aka POCHA: MANIFEST DESTINY)
2015, Michael Dwyer, USA, 84 min.
With Veronica Sixtos, Julio Cedillo

In this tough drama/thriller of a young woman stranded between cultures, a run-in with the law sends an undocumented Chicana (Sixtos) back to Mexico. She receives a cool reception from her long-estranged rancho father (Cedillo), and finds herself caught in the middle of a war between him and a seductive drug-smuggler (Roberto Urbina). In Spanish and English with English subtitles. DCP digital widescreen. (MR)

April 15—21
Fri. at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm;
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Mon. at 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm;
Wed. at 6:00 pm;
Thu. at 8:30 pm

CHICAGO PREMIERE!

FIRST CHICAGO RUN!

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

(LA LOI DU MARCHÉ)
2015, Stéphane Brizé, France, 88 min.
With Vincent Lindon, Karine de Mirbeck

“Compassionate, engrossing from start to finish, and utterly relevant.” —Geoff Andrew, Time Out London

Lindon won both the Cannes and the César Best Actor awards for his superbly understated performance in this deeply humanistic tale that surveys the plight of people on the bottom rung of the job ladder. He plays a past-middle-aged family man who goes through the unemployment-system wringer before getting a security job, but then finds that being on the other side of the power equation has its own dilemmas. In French with English subtitles. DCP digital widescreen. (BS)

April 22—28
Fri. at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm;
Sat. at 3:00 pm and 7:45 pm;
Sun. at 3:00 pm;
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RIO, I LOVE YOU

CHICAGO PREMIERE!

2015, Vicente Amorim, Guillermo Arriaga, Stephan Elliott, Im Sang-soo, Nadine Labaki, Fernando Meirelles, José Padilha, Carlos Saldanha, Paolo Sorrentino, John Turturro, and Andrucha Waddington, Brazil/USA, 110 min.

With Cláudia Abreu, Vincent Cassel, Harvey Keitel, Ryan Kwanten, Fernanda Montenegro, Emily Mortimer, Vanessa Paradis, Tonico Pereira, Rodrigo Santoro

This anthology is the third entry in the successful “Cities of Love” series that previously presented PARIS, JE T’AIME and NEW YORK, I LOVE YOU. Rio de Janeiro provides a stunning backdrop for a flavorful feijoada of eleven tales served up by an impressive roster of international talent. In Portuguese, English, French, and Spanish with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

April 29—May 5
Fri. at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm;
Sat. at 3:00 pm;
Mon. at 7:45 pm;
Tue. and Thu. at 6:00 pm;
Wed. at 8:00 pm

First Chicago Run!

April 29—May 5
Fri. at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm;
Sat. at 3:00 pm;
Mon. at 7:45 pm;
Tue. and Thu. at 6:00 pm;
Wed. at 8:00 pm

11 MINUTES

2015, Jerzy Skolimowski, Poland/Ireland, 81 min.
With Richard Dormer, Paulina Chapko

“An audacious crowd-pleaser... It shows a veteran director in youthful form, clearly having a ball.”
—Jonathan Romney, Screen Daily

Polish New Wave veteran Skolimowski keeps up his remarkable late-career renaissance with this vigorous tour de force. The title refers to the amount of time that actually elapses in the course of the narrative, set in and around a Warsaw hotel, as it splinters into multiple strands (including a sleazy film producer, a jealous husband, a drug courier, an aging artist, a low-flying jetliner, and a team of paramedics), doubles back repeatedly, and finally converges in a bravura avalanche of fateful coincidences. In Polish and English with English subtitles. DCP digital widescreen. (MR)

April 29—May 5
Fri. at 6:00 pm;
Sat. at 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm;
Sun. at 5:00 pm;
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The Gene Siskel Film Center and the Foundation for Asian American Independent Media (FAAIM) launch Asian American Showcase into its third decade, celebrating the vibrant work of Asian American filmmakers with this 21st annual edition, April 1-14.

Opening night features an appearance by director Benson Lee with SEOUL SEARCHING, his hilarious tribute to the ’70s teen comedy. Take in a meet-and-greet and pop-up shop with local artists before the screening of TYRUS. Eric Nakamura, founder of the influential magazine Giant Robot, chairs a panel discussion following the screening.

Following the screening of SONS OF HALAWA, crooner Jason Poole and the dancers of Halau I Ka Pono—the Hula School of Chicago perform. Filmmaker/artist Dai Sil Kim-Gibson shares her adventures in North Korea following the screening of PEOPLE ARE THE SKY. The festival ends on a comic note with a Skype discussion with producer/screenwriter/actor Anjul Nigam on GOOD OL’ BOY.

The art exhibit Journey-scapes, curated by Lydia Fu, will be on view in our Gallery/Café from April 1 through July. The public is invited to the opening reception on Friday, April 1, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Visit our web site at www.siskelfilmcenter.org for updates on appearances and added activities and events.

For their essential role in making the Asian American Showcase possible, the Gene Siskel Film Center thanks Foundation for Asian American Independent Media (FAAIM) founding members Sooyoung Park, Ben Kim, and William Shin; Festival Director Tim Hugh; programming associates Jonathan Laxamana and Larry Lee; FAAIM’s extended network of volunteers; the Filipino American Network; the Alphawood Foundation; the Illinois Arts Council, A State Agency; and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Promotional Partners: Asian American Executive Network; Ascene Chicago.

—Barbara Scharres

Asian American Showcase continues on next page
RIGHT FOOTED
2015, Nick Spark, USA, 81 min.
Sunday, April 3, 5:15 pm
This inspiring portrait profiles Jessica Cox, a 29-year-old Arizonan born without arms, who transcended every limit, becoming a dancer, martial artist, college graduate, and motivational speaker. The film follows Jessica’s audacious next phase, as she becomes the world’s first armless airplane pilot. DCP digital. (BS)

OPERATION POPCORN
2015, David Grabias, USA, 80 min.
Thursday, April 7, 8:15 pm
A bizarre tale of intrigue and entrapment worthy of a spy movie, this documentary centers on a former Laotian Army general and a respected community leader who were arrested along with other Laotian immigrants in 2007 and charged with intent to overthrow the Laotian government. DCP digital. (BS)

SONS OF HALAWA
2015, Matt Yamashita, USA, 56 min.
Saturday, April 9, 7:30 pm
The last surviving elder in Molokai’s sacred Halawa valley searches for an heir to his vast trove of cultural knowledge. Preceded by MELE MURALS (2016, Tad Nakamura, USA, 56 min.), an encounter between a graffiti artist and Hawaiian tradition. Both in DCP digital. (BS)

PEOPLE ARE THE SKY
2015, Dai Sil Kim-Gibson, USA, 94 min.
Sunday, April 10, 5:15 pm
After an absence of 70 years, U.S.-based filmmaker, painter, and writer Kim-Gibson returns to her native North Korea, creating an intimate and emotional portrait of the people in the mystery-shrouded dictatorship. In English and Korean with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

Live performance!
A performance of live music and dance, with Molokai crooner Jason Poole and Halau I Ka Pono—The Hula School of Chicago, follows the screening.

Director Dai Sil Kim-Gibson will be present for audience discussion.

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CHANGING SEASON: ON THE MASUMOTO FAMILY FARM
2015, Jim Choi, USA, 57 min.
Monday, April 11, 8:00 pm
Changing seasons herald a changing of the guard at a famed California peach farm, as award-winning farmer and environmental writer David Masumoto mentors his feminist daughter Nikiko to become a third-generation farmer. Preceded by THE ROOTS OF ULU (2015, John Antonelli, USA, 36 min.). Both in DCP digital. (BS)

Closing night film
Anjul Nigam via Skype!

GOOD OL’ BOY
2015, Frank Lotito, USA, 104 min.
With Jason Lee, Anjul Nigam
Thursday, April 14, 8:15 pm
In this romantic comedy, a curious Hindu American boy growing up in suburban Seattle is caught between his traditional parents and his own thoroughly modern mindset, as their long-held plans for an arranged marriage are undermined by his crush on the girl next door. DCP digital. (BS)

Writer/producer/actor Anjul Nigam will be present via Skype for audience discussion.

CHANGING SEASON, April 11
GOOD OL’ BOY, April 14

FIRST CHICAGO RUN!

MOUNTAINS MAY DEPART

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Organized by SAIC’s Department of Film, Video, New Media, and Animation in collaboration with the Gene Siskel Film Center and the Video Data Bank, Conversations at the Edge is a weekly series of screenings, performances, and talks by groundbreaking media artists.

Dana Levy in person!

Dana Levy: Impermanent Display
2008-15, Dana Levy, Israel/USA/France, ca. 60 min.

Thursday, April 7, 6:00 pm

Tel Aviv–born, New York–based Levy is known for her symbolically resonant studies of art museums, natural history collections, and other sites of preservation. This program includes works shot at the Mazor Mausoleum in Israel and the Maison de l’Armateur in Le Havre, France, plus new films created as part of a residency in the Everglades National Park. Presented in collaboration with the Video Data Bank. Various formats. (Amy Beste)

Deborah Stratman in person!

THE ILLINOIS PARABLES
2016, Deborah Stratman, USA, 60 min.

Thursday, April 14, 6:00 pm

For the last 25 years, Deborah Stratman (BFA 1990) has explored the landscape of our national history and psyche. In THE ILLINOIS PARABLES, she spins eleven tales of natural disaster, messianic devotion, technological breakthrough, government resistance, and unsolved mystery. Together, the stories ask how the systems of belief they represent have shaped our vision of the land, ourselves, and our nation. 16mm. (Amy Beste)

Lyra Hill in person!

Lyra Hill: Three Performances
2014-16, Lyra Hill, USA, ca. 60 min.

Thursday, April 21, 6:00 pm

Hill (BFA 2011) produces spectacular performances that mix psychedelia with fantastic tales of self-discovery, the body, and the mysteries of nature. This event presents three pieces: Breathe With Cube, a “comedy trance” featuring an anaglyphic 3D cube; Cat Tongue, a tale of sexual exploration and heavy machinery; and a new piece, created especially for the Gene Siskel Film Center. Various formats. (Amy Beste)

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
HOLLY DE RUyTER IN PERSON!

OLD-FASHIONED:
THE STORY OF THE WISCONSIN SUPPER CLUB
2015, Holly De Ruyter, USA, 51 min.

Revel in a nostalgic look at a Midwestern institution where maraschino-garnished drinks, plentiful comfort food, and family atmosphere reign supreme. Chicago filmmaker De Ruyter scours the hinterlands for an affectionate look at the still-thriving supper clubs. Present-day fans, owners, and connoisseurs voice their appreciation along with fears for the future in the face of corporate chain competition. DCP digital. (BS)

Director Holly De Ruyter will be present for audience discussion at all screenings.

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Fri. at 2:00 pm; Sat. at 5:15 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Mon. at 6:00 pm; Wed. at 7:45 pm

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VITA ACTIVA:
THE SPIRIT OF HANNAH ARENDT

CHICAGO PREMIERE!
2015, Ada Ushpiz, Israel/Canada, 125 min.
“A masterpiece of documentary filmmaking that delves deep.”—Shany Littman, Ha’aretz
This intimate portrait of Hannah Arendt is no whitewash job, but proves to be as complex and controversial as the German-Jewish philosopher/political theorist herself. A wealth of archival material brings this fearless thinker to life, revealing the contradictions and historical circumstances that formed her as a woman and influenced her influential writings on Nazism, the Holocaust, Zionism, and national identity. In German, English, and Hebrew with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)
April 22—28
Fri. at 7:45 pm; Sat. at 3:00 pm; Sun. at 4:45 pm; Mon. and Wed. at 7:30 pm; Tue. and Thu. at 6:00 pm

SHARON GLESS IN PERSON!
HANNAH FREE
2009, Wendy Jo Carlton, USA, 90 min. With Sharon Gless, Taylor Miller
Saturday, April 16, 3:00 pm
Shot entirely in the Chicago area, this adaptation of Claudia Allen’s acclaimed stage play is a free-spirited chronicle of the love between feisty Hannah (Gless) and placid home-body Rachel, which faces one last crisis as Rachel lies comatose in a nursing home, her straitlaced daughter barring Hannah from her lover’s bedside. DigiBeta video. (BS) Actress Sharon Gless will be present for audience discussion.

LESLIE BUCHBINDER IN PERSON!
HAIRY WHO & THE CHICAGO IMAGISTS
2013, Leslie Buchbinder, USA, 109 min.
Monday, April 25, 7:45 pm
The audacious work of the Hairy Who—aka the Chicago Imagists—put the spotlight on a ragtag group of young artists nurtured by the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Lurid renderings of sideshow freaks, cartoon creatures, and giant genitalia shocked, then won over snooty art critics and the public. Director Buchbinder connects all the dots in this thoroughly affectionate profile. DCP digital. (BS)
Director Leslie Buchbinder will be present for audience discussion.
From April 16 through May 5, the Gene Siskel Film Center collaborates with the Chicago Palestine Film Festival to present the fifteenth annual festival representing the spirit and mood of contemporary Palestinian life. This festival is dedicated to exhibiting film and video work that is open, critical, and reflective of the culture, experience, and vision of the artists. Every screening will feature guests for audience discussion. Check our website at www.siskelfilmcenter.org for details and updates.

This year’s festival is made possible in part through the support of the Crossroads Fund and the Khaled & Noha E. Taha Foundation (KNET). For their invaluable cooperation the Gene Siskel Film Center thanks the members of the Chicago Palestine Film Festival Committee.

—Barbara Scharres

Opening night film

**THE IDOL**

(aka ARAB IDOL)

(YA TAYREL TAYER)

2015, Hany Abu-Assad, UK/Palestine/Qatar, 100 min.

With Qais Atallah, Hiba Atallah

**Saturday, April 16, 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday, April 20, 8:00 pm**

Four kids in a Gaza refugee camp start a ragtag wedding band, and their precociously talented vocalist becomes the first Palestinian ever to compete on TV’s Arab Idol. The hopes of an entire people hang thrillingly on the outcome in this rousing true story. In Arabic with English subtitles. Preceded by the Oscar-nominated short AVE MARIA (2015, Basil Khalil, Palestine/France, 14 min.). (BS)

**DÉGRADÉ**

2015, Arab Nasser and Tarzan Nasser, Palestine/France/Qatar, 84 min.

With Hiam Abbass, Victoria Balitska

**Sunday, April 17, 5:30 pm**

Known for their irreverence and cutting satire, the twin-brother directors Nasser (CONDOM LEAD) build the tension inherent in the pressure-cooker setup of thirteen women holed up in a Gaza beauty salon while a battle rages outside. In Arabic with English subtitles. Preceded by SOLOMON’S STONE (2015, Ramzi Maqdiri, Palestine/Spain, 25 min.) Both in DCP digital. (BS)
ON THE BRIDE’S SIDE, April 22, 24

ON THE BRIDE’S SIDE
( IO STO CON LA SPOSA)

Friday, April 22, 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 24, 5:00 pm

A Milan-based trio of friends—a poet, a writer, and a translator— hatch a daring plot to smuggle a group of undocumented Syrian Palestinian refugees to Sweden by posing as a wedding party. Winner of three special awards at the Venice International Film Festival. In Arabic and Italian with English subtitles. Preceded by TRANSIT GAME (2014, Anna Fahr, USA/Lebanon, 18 min.). Both in DCP digital. (BS)

SPEED SISTERS, April 23, 28

SPEED SISTERS
2015, Amber Fares, Palestine/USA/Qatar, 83 min.

Saturday, April 23, 8:00 pm
Thursday, April 28, 8:15 pm

Speed equals freedom for the five women of a Palestinian all-female racing car team, the first-ever in the Middle East, overcoming limitations of politics and environment to reign as symbols of hope for a fun-starved following. In Arabic with English subtitles. Preceded by EPICLY PALESTINE’D (2015, Philip Joa and Theo Krish, UK, 26 min.). Both in DCP digital. (BS)

ORIENTED, April 29, May 1

ORIENTED
2015, Jake Witzenfeld, Israel/UK, 86 min.

Friday, April 29, 8:00 pm
Sunday, May 1, 5:00 pm

Three gay Palestinian friends explore the contradictions in their lives with filmmaker Witzenfeld, an Israeli Jew. They embark on a flamboyant form of activism involving video skits. In Arabic, Hebrew, and English with English subtitles. Preceded by IN THE FUTURE THEY ATE FROM THE FINEST PORCELAIN (2015, Larissa Sansour and Soren Lind, UK/Denmark, 29 min.). Both in DCP digital. (BS)

3000 NIGHTS, April 30, May 5

3000 NIGHTS
(3000 LAYLA)
2015, Mai Masri, Palestine/France/Jordan, 103 min.

Saturday, April 30, 8:00 pm
Thursday, May 5, 8:00 pm

A good deed for a stranger lands Layal, newly married and newly pregnant, in an Israeli prison, convicted as accessory to a terrorist bombing. Director Masri recreates the politics and tensions of the Palestinian struggle in this microcosm. In Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles. Preceded by DETAINING DREAMS (2015, Amr Kawji, USA/Palestine, 20 min.). Both in DCP digital. (BS)
the child in cinema

Lecturer: Pamela Robertson Wojcik

From Feb. 2 through May 10, we offer The Child in Cinema, a series of fourteen programs with weekly Tuesday lectures by Pamela Robertson Wojcik, Professor of Film, TV & Theatre at Notre Dame University. The series is presented in cooperation with the SAIC Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism. Additional screenings of the films on Fri. or Sat. do not include Prof. Wojcik’s lecture. Admission to all The Child in Cinema programs is $5 for Film Center members; usual admission prices apply for non-members.

—Martin Rubin

This series explores the meaning of the image of the child in cinema. It is not about the genre of the children’s film or children’s media. Instead, we will examine the function children perform in film; the meanings we ascribe to childhood; how ideas about childhood change historically; and what kids tell us about our ideas about gender, race, and class. We will investigate how ideals of childhood innocence operate in relation to images of childhood evil, sexuality, criminality, war, and other modes of experience.

—Pamela Robertson Wojcik

PAPER MOON
1973, Peter Bogdanovich, USA, 102 min.
With Ryan O’Neal, Tatum O’Neal

Saturday, April 2, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, April 5, 6:00 pm

Bogdanovich’s meteoric early career peaked with this comic road movie about a small-time grifter saddled with an orphan girl who proves to be a better con-artist—as well as more grown-up—than he is. 35mm. (MR)

THE OTHER
1972, Robert Mulligan, USA, 108 min.
With Chris Udvarnoky, Martin Udvarnoky

Saturday, April 9, 5:15 pm
Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 pm

This early entry in the 1970s lethal-child horror cycle is set on a New England farm where a cherubic boy is apparently under the spell of his evil twin. Archival 35mm print courtesy of 20th Century Fox. (MR)

MA VIE EN ROSE
(aka MY LIFE IN PINK)
1997, Alain Berliner, Belgium, 88 min.
With Georges Du Fresne, Michèle Laroque

Saturday, April 16, 5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 pm

A picture-perfect suburban enclave is disrupted by the arrival of a vulnerable “alien”—a seven-year-old boy who prefers to wear dresses and play with dolls. In French with English subtitles. 35mm. (MR)

RINGU
1998, Hideko Nakata, Japan, 96 min.
With Nanako Matsushima, Rie Ino’o

Saturday, April 23, 5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 pm

This legendary J-Horror classic centers on a bootleg videotape that brings agonizing death within seven days to those unlucky enough to view it. In Japanese with English subtitles. 35mm. (MR)
NT LIVE
As You Like It
2015, Polly Findlay, UK, 180 min.
With Rosalie Craig, Patsy Ferran
Saturday, April 2, 2:30 pm
Shakespeare's glorious comedy of love and change comes to the National Theatre for the first time in over 30 years. With her father the Duke in exile, Rosalind leaves the court for the Forest of Arden. Disguised as a boy, she embraces a different way of living and falls spectacularly in love. DCP digital. (Description courtesy of NT Live)
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FILMMAKERS IN PERSON!
A TERRIBLE BEAUTY
(AILLE AN UAFÁIS)
2014, Keith Farrell, Ireland, 93 min.
With Hugh O’Conor, Owen McDonnell
Friday, April 15, 8:00 pm
Sunday, April 17, 3:00 pm
Ireland’s bloody 1916 Easter rebellion was a gallant bid for independence, but also a tragedy that still resonates through the Irish diaspora. This meticulously researched docudrama combines archive footage and dramatic reenactments to vividly recreate the ferocious fighting in the streets of Dublin, as seen from the perspectives of the Irish Volunteers, British soldiers, and innocent civilians. In English and Gaelic with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)
Producer Dave Farrell and actor Colin Farrell will be present for audience discussion at both screenings.

WAR WITCH
(REBELLE)
2012, Kim Nguyen, Canada, 90 min.
With Rachel Mwanza, Mizinga Mwinega
Saturday, April 30, 4:45 pm
Tuesday, May 3, 6:00 pm
This Oscar nominee is told through the eyes of an African village girl who is kidnapped by a guerilla army at age twelve and forced to serve as a child soldier. In French with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

Upcoming films
in The Child in Cinema:
May 7 and 10
BOYHOOD
2014, Richard Linklater, USA, 165 min.
Sponsored by HBO

164 North State Street. Tickets available at www.siskelfilmcenter.org. For more information, visit or website or call 312-846-2800.
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THE BABUSHKAS OF CHERNOBYL

2015, Anne Bogart and Holly Morris, USA, 71 min.

“A haunting and provocative movie, powerful and poignant and, frankly, unforgettable.” —Rick Kogan, Chicago Tribune.

The filmmakers venture into the treacherous area around post-meltdown Chernobyl, tracking a handful of rural grandmothers who have refused to evacuate their lifelong homes. Stoic and joyfully at peace, these elderly women continue daily life in a time warp. In English and Ukrainian with English subtitles. Presented in cooperation with the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago, and the Kyiv Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International. DCP digital. (BS)

Co-director Holly Morris will be present for audience discussion on Friday (6:00 show only), Saturday, and Sunday.

April 22—28
Fri. at 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm; Sat. at 5:15 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Mon. and Wed. at 6:00 pm; Thu. at 8:30 pm