THE TALE OF THE PRINCESS KAGUYA

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CHICAGO PREMIERE!

SAGRADA
The Mystery of Creation

(SAGRADA: EL MISTERI DE LA CREACIÓ)
2012, Stefan Haupt, Switzerland, 89 min.

“Both exhaustive and astounding in its detective-like exploration.”—Jackson Scarlett, 7X7 San Francisco

The 1926 death of visionary architect Antonio Gaudí left unfinished Barcelona’s La Sagrada Familia basilica, his magnificent masterwork characterized by soaring, organically inspired towers. Director Haupt engagingly delves into the past, present, and future of La Sagrada Familia through new discoveries, anecdotal evidence in the wake of Gaudí’s missing plans, and the ongoing work of architects and artisans with rival interpretations of the master’s vision. In French, Spanish, English, and Catalan with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)

THREE-WEEK RUN!
December 12—18
Fri., Tue., and Wed. at 6:00 pm; Sat. at 3:00 pm; Sun. at 5:00 pm; Mon. at 8:00 pm; Thu. at 8:30 pm

December 20—21
Sat. and Sun. at 4:30 pm

December 27—29
Sat. at 4:30 pm; Mon. at 6:00 pm

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

ANTONIO GAUDÍ

1985, Hiroshi Teshigahara, Japan, 72 min.


Our holiday tradition, we bring back the ever-popular cult film inspired by the wild, undulating, joyously erupting forms of the Barcelona architect. Director Teshigahara’s eye for texture, shape, and sensual detail meets Gaudí’s whimsy in the cinematic exploration of such visionary masterpieces as the church of La Sagrada Familia. Forgoing narration, the film reveals the hallucinatory richness of Gaudí’s concepts through camerawork alone, accompanied by a brilliantly eclectic selection of music, ranging from baroque harpsichord to glass orchestra. 35mm. (BS)

TWO-WEEK RUN!
December 20—22
Sat. and Sun. at 3:00 pm; Mon. at 6:00 pm

December 26—30
Fri. at 6:00 pm; Sat. at 3:00 pm; Tue. at 6:00 pm

TWO-FILM DISCOUNT!
Buy a ticket at our regular prices for either SAGRADA or ANTONIO GAUDÍ, and get a ticket for any show of the other film at this discount rate with proof of your original purchase: General Admission $7; Students $5; Members $4. (This discount rate applies to the second film only.)
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Everyone likes to talk about movies, so let’s keep the conversation going!

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

Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 pm

HAPPY VALLEY

Facilitated by Daniel Bernstein, WSCR Afternoon Co-Host and Senior Columnist for CBSChicago.com.

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THE TALE OF THE PRINCESS KAGUYA

(KAGUYA-HIME NO MONOGATORI)
2013, Isao Takahata, Japan, 137 min.

“CHICAGO PREMIERE!”

2013, Isao Takahata, Japan, 137 min.

“The best animated film of the year.”
—David Ehrlich, The A.V. Club

“A staggering masterpiece…endless visual beauty.”
—Glenn Kenny, Roger Ebert.com

“A pinnacle of animation in the new millennium.”
—Matt Patches, IGN Movies

“A hand-drawn painterly epic that submerges us in a world of beauty.”
—Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times

“Gorgeous, magical...deeply satisfying and complex.”
—Michael O’Sullivan, Washington Post

“It’s the best kind of fairy tale —tough, deep and meaningful.”
—Bill Goodykoontz, Arizona Republic

“Alternatingly jubilant and heartrending...an instant Oscar contender.”
—Inkoo Kang, The Wrap

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A childless bamboo-cutter discovers a tiny baby girl no bigger than the palm of his hand in the woods and takes this apparent gift from the heavens home to his wife. The enchanted child grows rapidly, and, when her doting adoptive father also finds a pot of gold under a tree, greed inspires his ambition to make the girl a princess in the royal court and marry her off to one of a host of venal suitors. The beautiful, headstrong wood nymph and the far-off gods have other plans.

Based on a 10th-century Japanese folk tale, THE TALE OF THE PRINCESS KAGUYA is a marvelous journey steeped in the profound humanism that is the trademark of Studio Ghibli’s Isao Takahata (GRAVE OF THE FIREFLIES). Suitable for all ages, the film is simultaneously a uniquely joyful exploration of childhood and a chronicle of love and loss with a poignant mystical dimension. Takahata’s seductively subtle animation incorporates watercolor techniques and charcoal line drawings for a masterful and ravishing approach to storytelling. (BS)

In English at indicated times, with voices by Chloë Grace Moretz, James Caan, Mary Steenburgen, and Lucy Liu.

In Japanese with English subtitles at indicated times, with voices by Aki Asakura, Kengo Kora, and Takeo Chii.

CHICAGO PREMIERE!

ISAO TAKAHATA AND HIS TALE OF THE PRINCESS KAGUYA
2014, Hideki Ono, Keiko Nakazono, and Yoko Terakoshi, Japan, 82 min.

Saturday, December 6, 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 13, 5:00 pm
Saturday, December 27, 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 28, 5:30 pm

We go inside Ghibli for a fascinating look at the creative process behind THE TALE OF THE PRINCESS KAGUYA. With complete access to the amazingly buoyant Takahata, the film follows his seven-year effort to complete his masterpiece, including his controversial deviations from traditional Ghibli style, his longtime friendship with Hayao Miyazaki, and the pressures of missed deadlines and last-minute changes. In Japanese with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

FOUR-WEEK RUN!

December 5—11
Fri. at 6:00 pm (English) and 7:45 (subtitled);
Sat. at 3:00 pm (English) and 7:30 pm (subtitled);
Sun. at 2:30 pm (English) and 5:15 pm (subtitled);
Mon. at 6:30 pm (subtitled);
Tue. at 6:00 pm (English);
Wed. at 6:00 pm (English) and 8:15 pm (subtitled);
Thu. at 6:00 pm (English) and 7:30 pm (subtitled)

December 12—18
Fri. at 6:00 pm (English) and 7:45 (subtitled);
Sat. at 2:30 pm (English) and 7:30 pm (subtitled);
Sun. at 2:30 pm (English) and 5:15 pm (subtitled);
Mon. at 6:30 pm (subtitled);
Tue. at 7:45 pm (subtitled);
Wed. at 6:00 pm (English) and 7:45 pm (subtitled);
Thu. at 6:00 pm (English) and 8:00 pm (subtitled);

December 19—23
Fri. at 6:00 pm (English);
Sat. at 5:00 pm (English) and 8:00 pm (subtitled);
Sun. at 2:30 pm (English);
Mon. at 6:30 pm (subtitled);
Tue. at 6:00 pm (English) and 8:00 pm (subtitled);

December 26—30
Fri. at 7:30 pm (subtitled);
Sat. at 3:00 pm (English) and 8:00 pm (subtitled);
Sun. at 3:00 pm (English);
Mon. at 6:30 pm (subtitled);
Tue. at 7:30 pm (subtitled)

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The Blue Room

NEW RESTORATION!

(IL CONFORMISTA)
1971, Bernardo Bertolucci, Italy, 115 min.
With Jean-Louis Trintignant, Stefania Sandrelli, Dominique Sanda

“A great film, drunkenly beautiful and deeply disturbing.”—David Thomson, L.A. Weekly

Bertolucci’s first tango in Paris connects the dots between sexual repression and political fascism and swathes them in the sensuous haze of Vittorio Storaro’s swooningly beautiful cinematography. In the 1930s, a dedicated follower of fascism (Trintignant) accepts an assignment to assassinate his former professor and then falls for the victim’s bisexual wife (Sanda), who has her eye on the hero’s missus (Sandrelli). In Italian and French with English subtitles. New director-approved DCP digital restoration supervised by Storaro. (MR)

December 6—10
Sat. at 4:30 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Mon. and Wed. at 6:00 pm

THE CONFORMIST

2014, Mathieu Almaric, France, 76 min.
With Mathieu Almaric, Stéphanie Cléau

“A dark delectable, shivery tale...you’re in the grip of a real director.”—Manohla Dargis, The New York Times

Faithfully adapted from Georges Simenon’s trickily structured 1964 thriller, THE BLUE ROOM is the most impressive directorial effort yet by renowned actor Almaric (THE DIVING BELL AND THE BUTTERFLY). The title refers to the provincial hotel room where adulterous lovers Julien (Almaric) and Esther (Cléau) meet for afternoon bouts of fierce lovemaking. A suspicious death enters the picture, and a second corpse suggests a conspiracy—but whose? In French with English subtitles. DCP digital. (MR)

December 5—11
Fri. and Wed. at 8:30 pm; Sat. at 3:00 pm and 6:45 pm; Sun. at 5:15 pm; Mon. at 8:15 pm; Thu. at 6:00 pm
BJÖRK: BIOPHILIA LIVE

2014, Peter Strickland and Nick Fenton, UK, 97 min.

“A captivating record of an artist in full command of her idiosyncratic powers.”
—Guy Lodge, Variety

This remarkable performance film was recorded at the climactic concert of Björk’s recent worldwide tour, based on her groundbreaking 2011 album Biophilia. Topped by a humongous wig, accompanied by an array of outlandish instruments, surrounded by a choir of dulcet-voiced Scandi-maidens, and augmented with mind-expanding imagery, the Icelandic icon is in prime form, from the crackling curtain-raiser “Thunderbolt” to the anthemic finale “Declare Independence.” DCP digital. (MR)

NEW RESTORATION!
FILMMAKERS IN PERSON!

1994, Steve James, USA, 171 min.

Saturday, December 13, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 pm

Twenty years after its debut, we are pleased to present a new restoration of HOOP DREAMS with all the principal filmmakers in person for discussion. This moving chronicle of two young men from Chicago’s South Side and their bittersweet quest for basketball glory showed a new generation of filmmakers the possibilities of true-life storytelling at close range. The HOOP DREAMS digital restoration was a collaborative effort of Sundance Institute, UCLA Film & Television Archive, the Academy Archive, and Kartemquin Films. DCP digital. (BS)

Filmmakers Steve James, Peter Gilbert, Gordon Quinn, Adam Singer, and protagonist Arthur Agee will be present for audience discussion on Saturday and Tuesday. Archivists Ross Lipman of UCLA, and Nora Gully of Kartemquin join them on Saturday.

“A film like HOOP DREAMS is what movies are for…it gives us the impression of having touched life itself.”
—Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times

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AWAKE
— The Life of Yogananda —

2014, Paola di Florio and Lisa Leeman, USA, 87 min.

The widespread passion for the practice of yoga in North America can be traced back to one man: the Hindu mystic Parahamansa Yogananda (1893-1952). Unlike other teachers of Eastern wisdom, Yogananda came to the U.S. in 1920 and remained until his death, teaching meditation and yoga and writing Autobiography of a Yogi (the only book Steve Jobs kept on his iPad). Filmed over three years, this unconventional biography explores the life and influence of the spiritual master. DCP digital. (BS)

TWO-WEEK RUN!
December 19—23
Fri. at 8:30 pm; Sat. at 6:15 pm; Tue. at 8:30 pm

December 27—29
Sat. at 6:15 pm; Sun. at 5:45 pm; Mon. at 7:45 pm

THE GOLDEN ERA

(HUANG JIN SHI DAI)
2014, Ann Hui, China/Hong Kong, 178 min.
With Tang Wei, Feng Shao Feng

Friday, December 26, 6:30 pm
Saturday, December 27, 7:15 pm
Sunday, December 28, 2:30 pm
Tuesday, December 30, 6:30 pm

“A rich, subtle epic from one of the great living Hong Kong filmmakers.”
—Ben Sachs, Chicago Reader

Hong Kong’s most renowned woman director Ann Hui (A SIMPLE LIFE) reconstructs the short, tumultuous life of novelist and poet Xiao Hong (Tales of Hulan River). Born in 1911, Hong (played by Tang Wei of Ang Lee’s LUST, CAUTION) creates her art in the crucible of historical upheaval that takes China from the Manchu dynasty to WWII. On the run from an arranged marriage, she falls prey to a faithless lover’s perfidy and is launched through tragedy into a new life as an activist, leftist, and revolutionary free spirit. In Mandarin with English subtitles. DCP digital. (BS)
We conclude the series of fourteen programs entitled The Unquiet American: Transgressive Comedies from the U.S., with weekly Tuesday lectures by internationally renowned film critic Jonathan Rosenbaum. The series is presented in cooperation with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago’s Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism and the Department of Film, Video, New Media, and Animation. Additional screenings of the films on Friday or Saturday do not include Jonathan Rosenbaum’s lecture. Admission to all Unquiet American programs is $5 for Film Center members; usual admission prices apply for non-members.

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IDIOCRACY
2006, Mike Judge, USA, 84 min.
With Luke Wilson, Maya Rudolph

Friday, December 5, 6:00 pm
Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 pm

Dumped by its studio and seen by practically nobody, IDIOCRACY is one of the sharpest satires of the current century. A product of the W. era, it plausibly posits that natural selection has gone into reverse, and the stoopid are inheriting the earth. Selected for an Army cryogenic experiment, average dolt Joe Bauers (Wilson) wakes up 500 years later to find that he is now the smartest guy on a dumbed-down planet overrun by garbage, porn, monster trucks, and top-rated TV shows like “Ow! My Balls!” 35mm. (MR)

INSTANT HISTORIES:
NEW DOCUMENTARY FORMS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Watch for our next series, Instant Histories: New Documentary Forms in the Digital Age, beginning January 23, with weekly Tuesday lectures by Daniel Eisenberg, internationally renowned filmmaker and Professor of Film, Video, New Media, and Animation at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. As digital technology has transformed every aspect of daily life, film and video-makers have changed the conventions of non-fiction filmmaking through the signal works produced during the last decade. The series begins with Chris Marker’s precursory SANS SOLEIL; other films planned for inclusion include Rithy Pan’s THE MISSING PICTURE, Jafar Panahi’s THIS IS NOT A FILM, and Joshua Oppenheimer’s THE ACT OF KILLING.

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CONTINUING DECEMBER

NATIONAL GALLERY
2014, Frederick Wiseman, France/USA/UK, 173 min.
Inside the London museum.
Nov. 21—26
Fri., Mon., and Wed. at 6:30 pm
Sat. at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm
Sun. at 2:00 pm
Nov. 28—Dec. 4
Fri. at 2:30 pm; Sat. at 7:15 pm
Tue. at 7:30 pm; Thu. at 6:30 pm

HAPPY VALLEY
Documentary on Penn State football scandal.
Nov. 28—Dec. 4
Fri. at 5:45 pm and 7:45 pm; Sat. at 5:30 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm; Mon. at 8:15 pm; Tue. at 8:00 pm

THAT MAN FROM RIO
1964, Philippe De Broca, France, 112 min.
With Jean-Paul Belmondo
New restoration of classic adventure spoof.
Nov. 28—Dec. 3
Fri. at 3:30 pm; Sat at 3:00 pm; Sun. at 5:00 pm; Mon. at 6:00 pm; Wed. at 8:00 pm

LOVE IS STRANGE
2014, Ira Sachs, USA, 94 min.
With John Lithgow, Alfred Molina
High NY rents force couple to live apart.
Nov. 28—Dec. 4
Fri. at 5:45 pm and 7:45 pm; Sat. at 7:45 pm; Sun. at 3:00 pm; Tue. at 6:00 pm; Wed. at 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm; Thu. at 8:00 pm

WINGS
1927, William Wellman, USA, 144 min.
With Buddy Rogers, Clara Bow
Sat., Nov. 29, 3:00 pm
Mon., Dec. 1, 6:30 pm
Winner of first Oscar for Best Picture.

THE EAGLE AND THE HAWK
1933, Stuart Walker, USA, 68 min.
With Frederic March, Cary Grant
Sat., Nov. 29, 5:45 pm
Tue., Dec. 2, 6:00 pm
Dark tale of air combat in France.

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• Sneak preview passes to major motion pictures and other offers

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THE TWO FACES OF JANUARY

2014, Hossein Amini, UK, 98 min.
With Viggo Mortensen, Kirsten Dunst, Oscar Isaac

"Murderously good...drop-dead gorgeous to behold."—Stephen Rea, Philadelphia Inquirer

Screenwriter Amini (DRIVE) makes his directing debut with this unsettling psychological thriller based on the novel by Patricia Highsmith (Strangers on a Train). The story begins on the Acropolis, where a smalltime hustler (Isaac) intersects with an aging macho businessman (Mortensen) and his vivacious young wife (Dunst). An unexpected corpse locks them into a lethal triangle, replete with Oedipal overtones and (as so often in Highsmith) a perverse bond between the antagonists. In English and Greek with English subtitles. DCP digital widescreen. (MR)

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