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### SEPTEMBER 16 - 29 2 WEEKS





THE FOOL

WRITTEN, DIRECTED, AND EDITED BY YURY BYKOV

RUSSIA 2014 116 MINS. IN RUSSIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES OLIVE FILMS

Shades of Chekhov. Dima is a Russian plumber in an unnamed town who, during a routine inspection, discovers a giant crack in the façade of a squalid apartment building that warehouses 800 people. Armed with only his integrity and what he considers an ordinary person's concern for human safety, he alerts his bosses and the municipal authorities - who either don't believe him or don't want to because making note of the danger will underscore their previous lack of diligence. Saddled with a brow-beaten father, a cynical shrew of a mother and a fearful wife, Dima presses on for an immediate response to a situation that could turn fatal at any moment. But will the victim be the residents of the dangerously unstable building - or Dima himself - as he goes up against a corrupt and arrogant power structure? The movie confirms what recent headlines in The New York Times suggest (e.g. "Russian Opposition Activist Is Hospitalized With Mystery Illness"): that no one with an ounce of decency is safe in Putin's Russia. 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:25

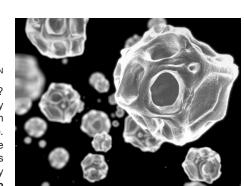
# SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 6 1 WEEK

# THE CREEPING GARDEN

PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY TIM GRABHAM AND JASPER SHARP

UK 2014 82 MINS. CINEMA ILOOBIA / RYAN BRUCE LEVEY FILM DISTRIBUTION

In 1973, NBC News scarily reported "shapeless, quivering masses" discovered in Texas. An alien invader? No, but pretty weird and wonderful stuff nonetheless: slime molds. There are more than a thousand varieties (many dazzlingly yellow) that not only grow, but move (1/20 of an inch per hour), live for decades, and hibernate when circumstances require. While technically without a brain, they possess a kind of primitive problem-solving intelligence. All of this wonderment is brought to striking life by THE CREEPING GARDEN, a documentary that drolly indulges in "time magnification," speeding up slime mold's behavior so one can truly enjoy being thoroughly creeped out by it. Reports by naturalists, artists, and amateur slime mold connoisseurs are complemented by Jim O'Rourke's appropriately trippy score. "An out-of-left-field nerdy delight." — John DeFore, The Hollywood Reporter 12:30, 2:20, 4:15, 6:10, 8:00, 9:50



OCTOBER 7 - 20 2 WEEKS

# THE FORBIDDEN ROOM



DIRECTED BY GUY MADDIN AND EVAN JOHNSON CANADA 2015 APPROX. 120 MINS KINO LORBER

Guy Maddin, a master of the bizarre (MY WINNIPEG, BRAND UPON THE BRAIN!) and co-director Evan Johnson, inspired by early sound films from the 1920s, conjure a hallucinatory, deep-sea fantasia. A woodsman inexplicably appears aboard a submarine, trapped under water for months, carrying mysterious cargo. As the terrified crew make their way through the corridors of the doomed vessel, they voyage into the origins of their darkest fears. Innovatively shot using techniques that reinvent early cinema, this "exhilarating slipstream of two-strip Technicolor" (David Ehrlich, Time Out New York) includes cameos by Charlotte Rampling, Geraldine Chaplin, a lobotomized Udo Kier, an elevator-dwelling Mathieu Amalric, and poet John Ashbery who offers some helpful bathing tips. "Gorgeous. I've never taken LSD and wandered around a film archive, but I imagine the experience might be similar to THE FORBIDDEN ROOM." — Jordan Hoffman, The Guardian (UK) 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:30



# **HEART OF A DOG**

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY LAURIE ANDERSON

Lolabelle was Laurie Anderson's beloved rat terrier. "Hello, little bonehead. I'll love you forever," is how she greets the puppy in the movie's hilarious first scene in which she gives birth to her dog. Dreams, memories, and stories of childhood trauma and loss form a kind of emotional wallpaper against which Anderson foregrounds her story. The musician/composer/poet/philosopher creates a humorous, deeply moving meditation on the relationship of woman and dog, and in the process comments with wit and prescience on the changes in post-9/11 America. Rat terriers are bred to protect borders, but Lolabelle not only engages in the kind of surveillance the filmmaker notes proliferating everywhere, but also plays experimental piano and paints. "Every love story is a ghost story," Anderson quotes David Foster Wallace, as she illuminates the Buddhist concept of the afterlife (the bardo). HEART OF A DOG employs an original, hypnotic visual language that embraces animation, home movies, and loop-like images, complemented by Anderson's signature music. The artist dedicates her work "to the magnificent spirit of my husband Lou Reed (1942 – 2013)."

12:30, 2:20, 4:10, 6:00, 7:50, 9:50 SUN, OCT 25 ONLY: 1:30, 3:20, 5:10, 7:00, 8:50





# IN JACKSON HEIGHTS

PRODUCED. DIRECTED AND EDITED BY FREDERICK WISEMAN

LISA 2015 190 MINS. IN ENGLISH SPANISH AND ARABIC WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES. A ZIPPORAH FILMS BELFASE

In the course of his brilliant, nearly half-century career, Frederick Wiseman has tackled both great social institutions (a prison for the criminally insane, high school, military, police, juvenile court, the welfare system) and cultural ones (La Comédie Française, the Paris Opéra Ballet, American Ballet Theater, London's National Gallery), Here he profiles a community, Jackson Heights, one of New York's most diverse neighborhoods, with immigrants from Peru, Colombia, Mexico, India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan (167 languages are spoken) — as well as elderly residents of Jewish, Irish and Italian extraction. Under the elevated train, a hodge-podge of stores sell whole baby goats, saris, and Bollywood DVDs; they offer HIV testing, Tibetan food, and classes for would-be cabbies. Jackson Heights is home to an activist LGBT community, to recent survivors of terrifying border crossings, students of the Quran, and small shop-owners who mobilize against the Williamsburg-ization of the nabe. Wiseman embraces a community that revels in still being affordable, 20 minutes from "the city," and resolutely unhip.

# NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 1 2 WEEKS

# **DEMOCRATS**

**DIRECTED BY CAMILLA NIELSSON** 

DENMARK 2014 100 MINS. IN ENGLISH AND SHONA WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

Inside the political process in Zimbabwe, a nation tyrannized by Robert Mugabe's corrupt dictatorship since 1980. Camilla Nielsson's prize-winning cinema-verite documentary eviscerates what passes for progress as two politicians - representing the status quo and the democratic opposition - face off in their efforts to write a new constitution. Writes Guy Lodge in Variety: "The result, filmed over three years, with an astonishing level of internal access, is at once important and impishly entertaining, brightened by the kind of eccentric local color that cannot be forged or imagined... What should be the stuff of furious political satire, then, is instead presented as untampered reality...a rare, vital snapshot of a democracy still very much in the planning stages." The cynicism, brutality, and sheer vulgarity of the man who has presided over Zimbabwe's economic decline (from one of the strongest in Africa to the 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20 weakest) and its appalling human rights record, is not something you will easily forget.



DECEMBER 2 - 15



# HITCHCOCK / TRUFFAUT

DIRECTED BY KENT JONES WRITTEN BY KENT JONES & SERGE TOUBIANA

USA 2015 80 MINS. IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES A COHEN MEDIA GROUP RELEASE

"Catnip for film buffs" - The Hollywood Reporter. In 1962, Alfred Hitchcock and a 30-year-old François Truffaut sequester themselves in a windowless Hollywood office for a weeklong conversation. The result: the seminal book Hitchcock/Truffaut, published a half century ago, dissecting every film Hitchcock had made until then, illuminating his masterful techniques, making the case for the popular director as an artist, and influencing generations of filmmakers. Kent Jones brings "the Bible of Cinema" to invigorating life. He interviews filmmakers whose work has been profoundly influenced by Hitchcock — Martin Scorsese, David Fincher, Richard Linklater, Olivier Assayas, and many others and deftly chooses clips (legendary scenes as well as lesser-known ones) that reveal the genius behind his enduring cinema, from THE LODGER to NOTORIOUS, from VERTIGO to PSYCHO and THE BIRDS.

12:30, 2:20, 4:15, 6:10, 8:00, 9:50

# DECEMBER 16 - 24 9 DAYS

# DREAMS REWIRED

DIRECTED BY MANU LUKSCH, MARTIN REINHART, AND THOMAS TODE

AUSTRIA / GERMANY / UK 2015 88 MINS. IN ENGLISH ICARUS FILMS

phonograph, movies, television, and the telephone to today's digital age. Drawing upon nearly 200 films made between the 1880s and 1930s, the film is an amazing collage of the scientific, dramatic, educational, erotic, experimental, and political. Rare archival materials share screen time with clips from Eisenstein's BATTLESHIP POTEMKIN, Dreyer's VAMPYR and movies by Thomas Edison, Dziga Vertov, Hans Richter, Walter Rutmann, René Clair, Louis Feuillade, Rudy Burckhardt, and the great silent comic masters. Melding fantasy and fact, this treasure trove of brilliantly selected bits and 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:20 pieces cumulatively tells the story of technology's inexorable march into the 21st century.



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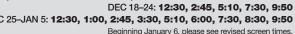


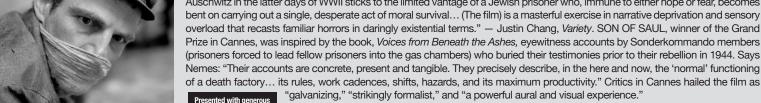
**DIRECTED BY LÁSZLÓ NEMES** HUNGARY 2015 107 MINS. IN HUNGARIAN, GERMAN AND YIDDISH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

**"A terrifyingly accomplished first feature for 38-year-old Hungarian writer-director László Nemes,** this indelible portrait of Auschwitz in the latter days of WWII sticks to the limited vantage of a Jewish prisoner who, immune to either hope or fear, becomes bent on carrying out a single, desperate act of moral survival... (The film) is a masterful exercise in narrative deprivation and sensory overload that recasts familiar horrors in daringly existential terms." — Justin Chang, Variety. SON OF SAUL, winner of the Grand Prize in Cannes, was inspired by the book, Voices from Beneath the Ashes, eyewitness accounts by Sonderkommando members (prisoners forced to lead fellow prisoners into the gas chambers) who buried their testimonies prior to their rebellion in 1944. Says Nemes: "Their accounts are concrete, present and tangible. They precisely describe, in the here and now, the 'normal' functioning

'galvanizing," "strikingly formalist," and "a powerful aural and visual experience.'

DEC 25-JAN 5: **12:30, 1:00, 2:45, 3:30, 5:10, 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50** Beginning January 6, please see revised screen times.





Tilda Swinton takes us on a dense, poetic journey through the history of connectivity - from radio, the

SON OF SAUL

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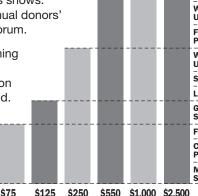
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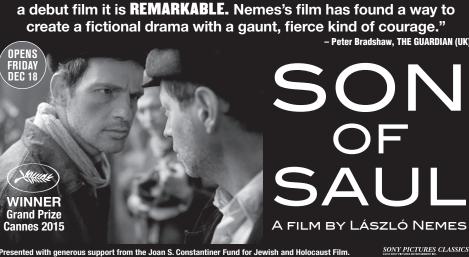


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