Featured Videos: Spring 2017

**Nise: O Coração da Loucura**

A miracle happened in Brazil in the 1950’s. Renowned modern art museums opened their doors to artists nobody ever heard of. Many critics pointed out that these exhibitions revealed painters that should be ranked amongst the best Brazilian artists of the century. This explosion of art and beauty was a sign that something comparable to the renaissance was happening in Rio de Janeiro. Behind this miracle there was an art academy, patron or dealer, only a psychiatrist, ridiculed by her colleagues, and a painting studio at a mental hospital, in the outskirts of town. The artists were schizophrenic, poor, and/or hospitalized for several decades, abandoned by their families and hopeless according to their doctors. This film tells the story of this “Miracle” and the life of this rebellious, frail and engaging psychiatrist: Dra. Nise da Silveira. (*p0157, DVD, 106 min., 2015*)

**A Coffee in Berlin**

Jan Ole Gerster’s comedy-drama, *A Coffee in Berlin*, stars Tom Schilling as Niko, a twenty-something slacker whose aimless life comes to a sudden halt when, in quick succession, his girlfriend dumps him and his father cuts off his only financial support. Soon, he encounters an old classmate who he used to torment, and this turns out to be a pivotal new relationship in his life. (*g0323, DVD, 86 min., 2012*)

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**Fall and Spring Semester Hours:**
- Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Friday: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
- Sunday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Biguine

Set in Martinique, at the end of the 19th century. Abandoning the plantation in which they work, Hermansia and Tiquitaque, a couple of musicians, decide to settle in Saint-Pierre. The city is then the cultural lighthouse of the Caribbean. Our heroes intend to live with their music. But they will quickly become disillusioned. They are only interested in Western music and reject their “folklore” plantation. The begin a long drift during which they will learn these new sounds from elsewhere. (f1243, DVD, 70 min., 2004)

Fire at Sea

Situated some 200km off Italy’s southern coast, Lampedusa has hit world headlines in recent years as the first port of call for hundreds of thousands of African and Middle Eastern migrants hoping to make a new life in Europe. Rosi spent months living on the Mediterranean island, capturing its history, culture and the everyday reality of its 6,000-strong local population as hundreds of migrants land on its shores on a weekly basis. The resulting documentary focuses on 12 year old Samuele, a local boy who loves to hunt with his slingshot and spend time on land even though he hails from a culture steeped in the sea. (i0323, DVD, 114 min., 2016)

Rurouni Kenshin: The Legend Ends

Kenshin wakes up to find himself at his master (Hiko Seijuro)’s house after getting washed by the waves to land while he was unconscious at sea for 3 days. Kenshin asks Seijuro to teach him the ultimate and pinnacle technique of the Hiten Mitsurugi school, the Amakakeru Ryu no Hirameki. Seijuro accepts Kenshin’s request after they spar with each other. Meanwhile in Tokyo, Prime Minister Hirobumi Ito attends a meeting with Makoto Shishio who forces him to declare Kenshin a wanted outlaw and have him publicly executed or else Shishio will destroy both Tokyo and the government. (j0062, DVD, 134 min., 2014)

Voces inocentes

The bloody civil war which tore apart El Salvador in the 1980’s is seen through the eyes of a young boy in this drama from director Luis Mandoki. Chava (Carlos Padilla) is 11 years old and growing up in a small town in El Salvador where the fighting between rebels and government troops is a daily fact of life. Chava’s father has abandoned the family, leaving him behind as the man of the house while his mother (Leonor Varela) and sister try to maintain a normal life by day while dodging bullets by night. Chava’s 12th birthday is coming up, which puts the boy in a dangerous position -- at 12, he’ll be old enough to join the army and be used as cannon fodder against the rebels, so he and his classmates try to find out when military recruiters will be coming to their schools so they can plan to be absent that day. However, as Chava faces both danger and adventure in his little town, the war edges in closer all the time until it can’t be avoided any longer. (s1201, DVD, 120 min., 2004)

Walking the Streets of Moscow

Young Siberian writer Volodya meets Kolya in the Moscow metro during his visit to a famous author. Volodya and Kolya’s friend Sasha explore their love interests in their own way, while Kolya sets out to help them. (r0087, DVD, 74 min., 1964)

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