BEAUTIFUL DYNAMITE: THE FILMS OF CYD CHARISSE

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Cyd Charisse, one of the most distinctive names in show business, was born Tula Ellice Finklea in 1921 in Amarillo, TX. After using a succession of faux-Russian names while touring with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, and a single screen credit under the name Lily Norwood in 1943, she settled on the moniker that will live forever in movie lore.

She’s Gene Kelly’s mysterious dream girl in SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN, and a more magical kind of fantasy figure for him in BRIGADOON. For Fred Astaire, she was an equal talent who inspired him to new heights late in his career, Dancing in the Dark with him in THE BAND WAGON, and dancing out her character’s transformation from dour Soviet commissar to Westernized sensualist in SILK STOCKINGS. And, if film scholar David Thomson is to be believed, her outrageous, sexually charged performance in Nicholas Ray’s PARTY GIRL is not only the most daring thing she ever did on screen, but the greatest. Charisse’s passing on June 17 of last year saddened all fans of dance, musicals and the great Golden Age of Hollywood.

Celebrate the work of this one-of-a-kind talent when AFI Silver takes a look back at some of Cyd Charisse’s finest films.

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SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN
Fri, June 12, 7:15; Sat, June 13, 7:30; Sun, June 14, 1:00

When silent stars Gene Kelly and Jean Hagen’s first sound picture looks like a bomb, movie magic saves the day, as Kelly and company rush to recut the movie as a musical, with Debbie Reynolds’s lilt dubbed over Hagen’s screech. Vaudevillian Donald O’Connor’s bravura performance of ‘Make ‘Em Laugh’ is eclipsed only by Kelly’s splashy song and dance performance of the title track—“the most celebrated single sequence in the history of the genre,” according to film historian John Wakeman. DIR Stanley Donen, Gene Kelly; SCR Adolph Green, Betty Comden; PROD Arthur Freed. US, 1952, color, 103 min. RATED G

#17 on AFI Greatest Movie Musicals

THE BAND WAGON
Sat, May 16, 1:00; Sun, May 17, 1:00; Tues, May 19, 7:00

Writers Comden and Green create a theatrical variation of SINGIN’ IN THE RAIN’s studio setting, with Fred Astaire as a washed up Hollywood hoofer aiming for a Broadway comeback. When artistic differences with director Jack Buchanan and co-star Cyd Charisse and a disastrous preview in New Haven threaten to sink the production, the troupe turns it around.

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with song and dance, the knockout numbers including That’s Entertainment (#45 on AFI’s 100 Years...100 Songs), A Shine on Your Shoes, and Astaire and Charisse’s dream pairing in Dancing in the Dark, plus the stylish Mickey Spillane spoof, The Girl Hunt. DIR Vincente Minnelli; SCR Betty Comden, Adolph Green; PROD Arthur Freed. US, 1953, color, 111 min. NOT RATED

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Charisse’s gangster boyfriend Lee J. Cobb. One of the best non-musical roles for Charisse, who still gets to dance here, in two show-stopping, hip-shaking numbers.

DIR Nicholas Ray; SCR George Wells, based on the story by Leo Katcher; PROD Joe Pasternak. US, 1958, color, 99 min. NOT RATED

TWO WEEKS IN ANOTHER TOWN

Sat, June 27, 4:00; Tues, June 30, 7:00

Vincente Minnelli’s THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL enjoys classic status as one of the great insider critiques of Hollywood, but his lesser-known 1962 film, again starring Kirk Douglas, packs just as much of a wallop. Cracked-up actor Douglas, a former star who’s spent the past three years in a sanitarium after a disfiguring auto accident, takes an assignment from his old director Edward G. Robinson, now carpetbagging on a low-budget international production at Rome’s Cinecittà. Charisse plays Douglas’s exotic, femme fatale ex-wife, whom he still hasn’t gotten over, the only thing standing in the way of his budding attraction to starlet Daliah Lavi. DIR Vincente Minnelli; SCR Charles Schnee, based on the novel by Irwin Shaw; PROD John Houseman. US, 1962, color, 107 min. NOT RATED

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May 9 - June 28
Charlton Heston, who passed away on April 5 of last year, was a singular presence in American film. With a rangy, robust physique and chiseled features, Heston was uniquely suited to playing heroic, historical figures in assorted epics of the 1950s and 60s, including Biblical prophets, American presidents, Wild West cowboys and famed military commanders. In the late 1960s and 70s, he reinvented himself in a series of apocalyptic-minded science fiction films, his characters marked by a rueful, sardonic attitude about mankind’s culpability in destroying its own future; the most memorable of these being PLANET OF THE APES, THE OMEGA MAN and SOYLENT GREEN. Heston’s charitable work, service to others, and devotion to causes he cared about loom as large as his acting accomplishments. He was president of the Screen Actors Guild from 1965-71, AFI Board Chairman from 1971-82, and AFI President from 1983-2002. He won the Academy Award for Best Actor in 1959 for BEN-HUR and received the Academy’s Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award in 1978.

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CHARLTON HESTON REMEMBERED

and returns him to Judea. Here his desire for vengeance leads him into the arena to square off against his rival in gladiatorial combat in one of the most celebrated scenes in cinema history—the breathtaking, bravura chariot race. DIR William Wyler; SCR Karl Tunberg, based on the novel by Lew Wallace; PROD Sam Zimbalist. US, 1959, color, 212 min with an intermission. RATED G

PLANET OF THE APES

Fri, May 22, 4:30; Sat, May 23, 9:15; Mon, May 25, 9:00; Wed, May 27, 9:00; Thurs, May 28, 7:00
“Take your stinking paws off me, you damned dirty ape!” So says time-tossed astronaut Heston to his intelligent ape captors on the mysterious planet where he has crash-landed. Franklin J. Schaffner’s enduring sci-fi classic is memorable for the breakthrough makeup effects that transformed Roddy McDowall, Kim Hunter and Maurice Evans into ape scientists Cornelius, Zira and Dr. Zaius, earning makeup artist John Chambers an honorary Oscar. The ace script is credited to THE TWILIGHT ZONE creator Rod Serling and former blacklistee Michael Wilson. The pulse-pounding score is by the great Jerry Goldsmith. DIR Franklin J. Schaffner; SCR Michael Wilson, Rod Serling, based on the novel by Pierre Boulle; PROD Jerry Bresler. US, 1968, color, 112 min. RATED G

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sat, May 23, 2:45; Mon, May 25, 2:45
Billed upon release as “The Greatest Event in Motion Picture History!” Heston’s iconic, star-making role as Moses in Cecil B. DeMille’s Technicolor remake of his 1923 silent era hit remains a cultural touchstone, as does the then-cutting edge, still ingenious special effect where he parts the Red Sea (which won an Oscar for effects whiz John P. Fulton, the only win of the film’s seven nominations). See it on the big screen, the way it was meant to be seen! DIR/PROD Cecil B. DeMille; SCR Aeneas MacKenzie, Jesse Lasky Jr., Jack Gariss, Fredric M. Frank, based on novels by J.H. Ingraham, A.E. Southon and Dorothy Clarke Wilson. US, 1956, color, 220 min with an intermission. RATED G

The Extended Version!

MAJOR DUNDEE

Sun, May 31, 8:30; Mon, June 1, 7:00; Tues, June 2, 7:00
Beset by script problems and runaway production costs on this ambitious Western epic, rookie director Sam Peckinpah was nearly fired by his studio bosses, saved only by the intervention of his star, Heston, who waived part of his salary to get the picture completed. Originally released in a truncated version, in 2005 Sony Pictures restored 13 minutes of Peckinpah’s intended material, and the results are revelatory. Union man Heston offers Confederate prisoner Richard Harris and various other undesirables a deal—keep rotting in prison or ride posse with him to track down raiding Apaches across the border in Mexico—“until the Apache is taken or destroyed.” What follows is something like a Civil War/Western version of APOCALYPSE NOW, with the tense and ragtag US forces contending with the Apache, the occupying French, and themselves. DIR/SCR Sam Peckinpah; SCR Harry Julian Fink, Oscar Saul, based on the story by Harry Julian Fink; PROD Jerry Bresler. US, 1965/2005, 136 min. RATED PG-13

“What rescues MAJOR DUNDEE in the end from its many conflicts and unresolved passions is Heston—always effective as ruthless, self-righteous sons of bitches, this most reviled of dime-store demigods makes a fearsomely convincing misanthrope-authority figure, a loathsome frontier despot capable of convincing everyone in his wide path that he’s destined to create history, not just witness it.”

—Michael Atkinson, The Village Voice
THE OMEGA MAN
Sat, June 6, 7:40; Sun, June 7, 7:30
Adapted from Richard Matheson’s enduring classic novel I Am Legend—adapted as THE LAST MAN ON EARTH with Vincent Price in 1964 and as I AM LEGEND with Will Smith in 2007—this film finds former military scientist Heston the sole survivor of a global war fought with biological weapons, ruefully picking over the detritus of post-apocalyptic Los Angeles by day, and barricading himself from the attacks of the mutant marauders by night. A true cult classic, with Heston’s oddball one-liners providing campy good fun. DIR Boris Sagal; SCR John William Corrington, Joyce Hooper Corrington, based on the novel I Am Legend by Richard Matheson; PROD Walter Seltzer. US, 1971, color, 98 min. RATED PG

SOYLENT GREEN
Sat, June 6, 9:45; Sun, June 7, 3:00; Thurs, June 11, 9:45
New York, 2022: ecological disaster has struck. The world is overheated, overpopulated, mostly unemployed and underfed. The masses subsist on the Soylent Corporation's bland processed food, while the privileged pay exorbitant amounts for even a small taste of natural foods. Jaded cop Heston, called on to investigate the murder of Soylent exec Joseph Cotten, at first just enjoys making himself at home in the rich man’s world of entitlement, high above the teeming masses. But the secrets Heston uncovers lead to one of the screen’s most deliciously wicked revelations. Edward G. Robinson, in his final role, turns in a moving performance as Heston’s best friend. DIR Richard Fleischer; SCR Stanley R. Greenberg, based on the novel Make Room! Make Room! by Harry Harrison; PROD Walter Seltzer, Russell Thacher. US, 1973, color, 97 min. RATED PG

WILL PENNY
Fri, June 12, 5:00; Sat, June 13, 12:45; Sun, June 14, 7:45
Heston’s personal favorite of all his roles. Aging cowboy Heston, a ranch hand working a lonely detail as a lineman high in the mountains, returns to his cabin one day to find a woman and her young son squatting there. Abandoned by their guide on the way to the Oregon territory, and with winter coming on, they are desperate for shelter and Heston, despite his reservations, lets them stay, soon finding himself powerfully drawn to the woman. But then trouble arrives, in the form of psychotic outlaw preacher Quint (Donald Pleasence) and his son Rafe (Bruce Dern), with whom Heston has some unfinished business. DIR/SCR Tom Gries; PROD Fred Engel, Walter Seltzer. US, 1968, color, 108 min. NOT RATED

EL CID
Wed, June 24, 7:30; Thurs, June 25, 7:30; Sat, June 27, 12:30; Sun, June 28, 1:00
Film legends Heston and Sophia Loren ignite the screen in this medieval tale of passion and chivalry. Heston plays the heroic Spanish knight Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar, known to his followers as “El Cid.” Moorish for “one who is both compassionate and a great warrior.” Without compromising his strict sense of honor, he succeeds in driving the Moors from Spain and becomes a legend. Loren plays the mysterious Chimene, a Moorish princess torn between her desire for revenge against Heston—whom she blames for her father’s death—and her developing love for him. Directed by the great Anthony Mann. DIR Anthony Mann; SCR Ben Barzman, Philip Yordan, Fredric M. Frank, based on the story by Fredric M. Frank; PROD Samuel Bronston. Italy/US/UK, 1961, color, 182 min. NOT RATED

Room! by Harry Harrison; PROD Walter Seltzer, Russell Thacher. US, 1973, color, 97 min. RATED PG

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THE OMEGA MAN
THE CHASER
Sat, May 16, 7:30; Wed, May 20, 7:00
In this utterly riveting, twisting, no-holds-barred thriller, an ex-cop turned pimp races against time to locate one of his girls after she’s kidnapped by a serial killer who’s been terrorizing the streets of Seoul. Director Na Hong-jin embeds the film’s harrowing suspense and relentless brutality in a furious denunciation of police ineptitude and corruption. As the morally compromised hero, Kim Yoon-suk gives a knockout performance in more ways than one. One of Korean cinema’s biggest hits last year and winner of Best Picture, Director, Actor, and Screenplay at the 2008 Korean Film Awards. (Note courtesy of Film Society of Lincoln Center) DIR/SCR Na Hong-jin; SCR Hong Won-Chan, Shinho Lee; PROD Kim Su-jin, Yon In-beom. South Korea, 2008, color, 125 min. NOT RATED

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST
Sun, May 24, 5:00; Wed, May 27, 7:00
Photo shop proprietor Jung-won (Han Sukkyu of SHIRI) is terminally ill, a fact he has only shared with his father and sister. Preferring to spend his remaining days in his store, his life (or what is left of it) takes an unexpected turn when Da-rim (Shim Eun-ha), a comely meter maid, becomes a regular customer. Da-rim finds herself attracted to Jung-won, and is gradually able to coax the quiet but kind shopkeeper out of his shell. Though Jung-won finds comfort in her company, he never expresses the amorous feelings he has for her. Perhaps out of a misguided desire to spare her emotions, Jung-won also does not let Da-rim know about his condition nor what little time he has left. The film landed Best Film, Director, Actress, and Cinematography at the Korean Film Awards in 1998. (Note courtesy of ANU Centre for Korean Studies) DIR/SCR Hur Jin-ho; SCR Oh Seung-ook, Shin Dong-hwan; PROD Cha Seung-Jae. South Korea, 1998, color, 97 min. NOT RATED

BREATHLESS
Sat, June 6, 12:30; Mon, June 8, 7:00
A relentless barrage of slapping, punching, kicking, spitting and cursing at anyone in sight (this is definitely the film that will teach you to swear in Korean) is Sang-hoon’s primary mode of communication; all skills he puts to use as the chief thug in a private heavy mob paid to cause violence and mayhem. His grudging attempts at communication with his young nephew and a rebellious schoolgirl might offer up some hope of redemption, but when the schoolgirl’s brother tries to follow in the footsteps of Sang-hoon, the cycle of violence proves hard to break. Shot digitally, much of it hand-held, with a furious intensity that matches the agony of the characters. (Note courtesy of Singapore International Film Festival) DIR/SCR/PROD Yang Ik-june. South Korea, 2008, color, 130 min. NOT RATED

EPITAPH
Tues, Jun 9, 9:15; Wed, June 10, 9:30
This sensational debut feature in three acts by South Korea’s Jung brothers is a powerful addition to the K-horror genre. The impending demolition of a hospital conjures up memories of inexplicable events for one doctor. In the first episode, the doctor, then a young intern assigned to the morgue, feels that a beautiful corpse is beckoning him to join her in the beyond. In the second, the sole survivor of a car crash can’t shake the presence of those who perished. In the final episode, a man feels his overworked doctor wife is drifting away—but he’s shocked to discover how far. Visually inventive and full of narrative twists and turns, the film has more than enough chills for fans of the genre while offering a provocative meditation on the idea of haunting in recent Korean cinema. (Note courtesy Film Society of Lincoln Center) DIR/SCR Jung Sik, Jung Beom-sik; PROD Jang So-Jung. South Korea, 2007, color, 98 min. NOT RATED

May 16 - June 10
Once again, AFI Silver joins with the Smithsonian’s Freer and Sackler Galleries to celebrate the cinema of South Korea, year in and year out one of the most exciting places on the planet for moviemaking. The festival was organized by Tom Vick, film programmer for the Freer and Sackler Galleries of the Smithsonian Institution, and Hyunjun Min of the University of Maryland. The festival is made possible by the Korean Film Council and Korea Foundation.

All films are 35mm prints and in Korean with English subtitles unless otherwise noted.

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May 9 - July 1

Sophia Loren. Anna Magnani. Gina Lollobrigida. Monica Vitti. Claudia Cardinale. Giulietta Masina. The great film actresses of Italy are on display in this wonderful series, featuring both major international stars and many less known to American audiences. Several stars appear here in unexpected roles—check out Michelangelo Antonioni’s muse Monica Vitti in Ettore Scola’s farcical A DRAMA OF JEALOUSY (with Marcello Mastroianni and Giancarlo Giannini, no less), or THE CONFORMIST’s Stefania Sandrelli in the bittersweet comedy I KNEW HER SO WELL, or THE THIRD MAN’s enigmatic Alida Valli in the period melodrama OLD-FASHIONED WORLD. The focus may be on the ladies, but these rare and wonderful gems on loan from the vaults at Cinecittà Holding represent a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore the many delights of Italian cinema, including films directed by Antonioni, Vittorio De Sica, Roberto Rossellini, Federico Fellini, Luchino Visconti, Dino Risi, Lina Wertmüller, and Pier Paolo Pasolini.

This series is produced by Cinecittà Holding with the support of the Italian Ministry of Culture-Cinema Department, in collaboration with the Italian Cultural Institute of Washington, and originally curated by Piera De Tassis, from the book Signore & Signore.

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JULIET OF THE SPIRITS [Giulietta degli spiriti]
Sat, May 9, 5:45; Mon, May 11, 9:30
The incomparable Giulietta Masina stars as a sweet, neglected upper-middle class housewife experiencing a mid-life crisis when she begins to doubt her husband's fidelity. A beautiful meditation on the female psyche and a mesmerizing companion piece to 8½, this film features some of the most intuitively delightful visuals to be found in Italian cinema. Fellini is reported to have attended séances and visited tarot card readers and mediums as research for the film! (Note courtesy of American Cinematheque) DIR/SCR Federico Fellini; SCR Tullio Pinelli, Ennio Flaiano, Brunello Rondi; PROD Angelo Rizzoli. Italy/France, 1965, color, 137 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

TWO WOMEN [La ciociara]
Sun, May 10, 5:30; Tues, May 12, 7:00
Sophia Loren plays a woman who flees Rome with her daughter during World War II and suffers a terrible tragedy along the way. De Sica’s rarely-seen masterpiece garnered worldwide acclaim for Loren, proving her talent as a volatile and versatile actress, as well as the inspiration for Penelope Cruz in VOLVER. Loren’s Best Actress Oscar was the first ever given for a performance in a “foreign-language” film. (Note courtesy Italian Film Festival UK) DIR Vittorio De Sica; SCR Cesare Zavattini, based on the novel by Alberto Moravia; PROD Carlo Ponti. Italy/France, 1960, b&w, 100 min. In Italian and German with English subtitles. NOT RATED

THEOREM [Teorema]
Fri, May 15, 9:15; Tues, May 19, 9:15
After Pasolini’s fascinating surrealist film won honors at the Venice Film Festival, it was banned on an obscenity charge that was eventually overturned on the basis of the film’s “high artistic value.” Terence Stamp is the enigmatic stranger who turns the lives of a middle class family upside down when he seduces each member—including the maid—and then disappears into the night. Silvana Mangano is the matriarch who loses herself in wanton carnality as she roams the town looking for young men to fill the void once he’s gone. DIR/SCR Pier Paolo Pasolini, based on the novel by Pier Paolo Pasolini; PROD Manolo Bolognini, Franco Rossellini. Italy, 1968, b&w and color, 105 min. In English and Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

BREAD, LOVE AND DREAMS [Pane amore e fantasia]
Sun, May 17, 7:30; Mon, May 18, 7:00
The film that shot Gina Lollobrigida onto the international scene and into movie stardom was nominated for an Academy Award and won the prestigious Silver Berlin Bear at the Berlin Film Festival. Vittorio De Sica is the elder statesman, an authoritative marshal of the military police who falls for headstrong temptress Lollobrigida, who is herself in love with a lower ranking sergeant of De Sica’s.
Considered by many to be Lollobrigida’s signature performance, this collaboration with director Comencini sparked two sequels. 

**DIR/SCR Luigi Comencini; SCR Ettore Maria Margadonna; PROD Marcello Girosi.**

Italy, 1953, b&w, 93 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

**OPEN CITY [Roma, città aperta]**

Sat, May 23, 7:00; Sun, May 24, 2:45

Marcello Pagliero, an idealistic radical fighting the Nazi occupation of Rome, must flee the city after the Gestapo tracks him down. With his enemies closing in, he turns to Anna Magnani, his friend’s fiancée, for help. Filmed in the wake of the Allied liberation of the Italian capital, this film astonished post-war audiences with its honest, un-romanticized depiction of the resistance and largely nonprofessional cast, including German POWs. (Note courtesy of UCLA Film & Television Archive) **DIR Roberto Rossellini; SCR Sergio Amidei, Federico Fellini.**

Italy, 1945, b&w, 100 min. In Italian and German with English subtitles. NOT RATED

**DEATH OF A CYCLIST [Muerte de un ciclista]**

Sun, May 24, 7:05; Tues, May 26, 7:00

The exquisite Italian actress Lucia Bosé was the star of Antonioni’s early features THE STORY OF A LOVE AFFAIR and THE LADY WITHOUT CAMELIAS. In Juan Antonio Bardem’s powerful thriller, two adulterous lovers (Bosé and Alberto Closas) hit and kill a bicyclist with their speeding automobile and flee the scene in a panic. Fear of discovery and a gripping paranoia ensue, as the two lovers attempt to escape detection, pressed to the breaking point when a friend of Bosé’s husband insinuates that he may have knowledge of both their affair and culpability in the crime. **DIR/SCR Juan Antonio Bardem; SCR Based on a story by Luis Fernando de Igoa; PROD Georges de Beauregard, Manuel J. Goyanes.**

Spain/Italy, 1955, b&w, 88 min. In Spanish with English subtitles. NOT RATED

**OLD FASHIONED WORLD [Piccolo mondo antico]**

Sat, May 30, 2:30; Sun, May 31, 6:15

The talented and multi-lingual Alida Valli nabbed the Best Actress Award at the Venice Film Festival for this breakthrough performance as a 19th century clerk’s daughter who marries into an aristocratic family with disastrous consequences. **DIR/SCR Mario Soldati; SCR Mario Bonfantini, Emilio Cecchi, Alberto Lattuada, based on the novel by Antonio Fogazzaro; PROD Carlo Ponti.**

Italy, 1941, b&w, 106 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

**GIRL WITH A SUITCASE [La ragazza con la valigia]**

Sat, May 30, 7:00; Sun, May 31, 4:00

When nightclub singer Claudia Cardinale is left on the roadside with nothing but a suitcase by her well-to-do, but good for nothing lover, it is the louse’s 16-year-old brother Jacques Perrin who feels the pangs of conscience and first love as he struggles to help preserve her self-respect. As Perrin’s feelings range from tenderness to jealousy, Cardinale bounces moodily from man to man and Perrin’s none-too-pleased family tries to stop the romance. **DIR/SCR Valerio Zurlini; SCR Leonardo Benvenuti, Piero De Bernardi, Enrico Medioli, Giuseppe Patroni Griffi; PROD Maurizio Lodi-Fe.**

Italy/France, 1961, b&w, 111 min. In French and Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

**DRAMA OF JEALOUSY a.k.a. THE PIZZA TRIANGLE [Dramma della gelosia]**

Sat, June 6, 5:30; Tues, June 9, 7:00

Blonde bombshell Monica Vitti is at the center of this satire as a flower girl dating already married Communist bricklayer Marcello Mastroianni (who won the Best Acting prize at Cannes). When a young pizza chef (Giancarlo Giannini) also declares his love, the two men come to blows, but it is Vitti who’s the worse for wear. Deciding that she must choose whom she loves best, the three move in together—where things really become complicated. **DIR/SCR Ettore Scola; SCR Agenore Incrocci, Furio Scarpelli; PROD Pio Angeletti, Adriano De Micheli.**

Italy/Spain, 1970, color, 99 min. In Italian with English subtitles. RATED R

**GIRL WITH A SUITCASE**

Photo courtesy of Everett Collection

**DEATH OF A CYCLIST**

Photo courtesy of Janus Films
THE SEDUCTION OF MIMI
[Mimi metallurgico ferito nell'onore]
Sun, June 7, 5:00; Wed, June 10, 7:00
Director Lina Wertmüller received a Best Director nomination at Cannes for this political satire featuring Giancarlo Giannini as a Sicilian laborer who abandons his family and flees to Turin when he engenders the wrath of a local Mafia don. There he falls in love with free spirited bohemian Mariangela Melato and fathers a child, smuggling them both back to his hometown where he is surprised to learn his wife has also been busy while he was away. DIR/SCR Lina Wertmüller; PROD Romano Cardarelli, Daniele Senatore. Italy, 1972, color, 108 min. In English and Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

THE WIDOWER [Il vedovo]
Sun, June 28, 4:45; Mon, June 29, 7:00
A rarely-seen gem starring two of Italy's greatest comedic stars: Franca Valeri and Alberto Sordi. Sordi plays a bumbling small-time industrialist who plots to kill his wife (Valeri). But the industrious and intelligent Valeri has a few plans in store for him, in this satire on upper-class mores. (Note courtesy of Italian Film Festival UK) DIR/SCR Dino Risi; SCR Fabio Carpi, Sandro Continenza, Rodolfo Sonego, Dino Verde; PROD Edgardo Cortese, Cino Del Duca, Elio Scardamaglia. Italy, 1959, b&w, 100 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

I KNEW HER WELL [Io la conoscevo bene]
Sat, June 27, 6:15; Wed, July 1, 7:00
A young girl from the countryside is seduced by the temptations of the big city, but is unable to find any meaningful relationships. Though Stefania Sandrelli (known for her role in THE CONFORMIST) would go on to become an Italian sex symbol, her performance here is a masterpiece of crushed innocence and slow-building helplessness in a bittersweet comedy which reinforced her popular screen image as the innocent broken by cruel social reality. (Note courtesy of Italian Film Festival UK) DIR/SCR Antonio Pietrangeli; SCR Ruggero Maccari, Ettore Scola; PROD Turi Vasile. Italy/West Germany/France, 1965, b&w, 99 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

OH! SABELLA [La nonna Sabella]
Sat, June 13, 3:00; Sun, June 14, 3:15
Grandmother Sabella is determined to see her grandson married to a wealthy woman while he is equally determined to wed the girl of his dreams. Directed by the prolific Dino Risi, the film stars the legendary Tina Pica, who began acting in silent films in 1916 and was a beloved fixture in Italian cinema for decades. (Note courtesy of Italian Film Festival UK) DIR/SCR Dino Risi; SCR Pasquale Festa Campanile, Massimo Fraciosa, Ettore Giannini, based on the novel by Pasquale Festa Campanile; PROD Silvio Clementelli. Italy/France, 1957, b&w, 95 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

Vanina Vanini
Sat, June 13, 5:00; Sun, June 14, 5:15
In the 1820s, a Roman princess (Sandra Milo) falls in love with a young revolutionary determined to free Italy from papal rule. Interference by the producer, who imposed his mistress on the film and removed scenes with other actresses, caused Rossellini to denounce the film, but many Rossellini admirers claim there remains enough of the artist for this period melodrama to be of interest. (Note courtesy of Museum of Modern Art) DIR/SCR Roberto Rossellini; SCR Massimo Franciosa, Ettore Giannini, based on the novel by Pasquale Festa Campanile; PROD Silvio Clementelli. Italy/France, 1957, b&w, 95 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

THE SEDUCTION OF MIMI
Based on the novel by Stendhal. Italy/France, 1961, color, 127 min. In Italian with English subtitles. NOT RATED

13 MONTHS OF SUNSHINE
Sun, June 28, 7:00
First-time director Yehdego Abeselom demonstrates a light touch in this drama that explores the tensions between traditional values, cultural identity and the pursuit of one's dreams. In Los Angeles, Soloman and Hanna enter a marriage of convenience that becomes complicated with intimacy, love, jealousy and a clash of cultural values. A uniquely Ethiopian experience that becomes complicated with intimacy, love, jealousy and a clash of cultural values. A uniquely Ethiopian experience of the American dream. (Note courtesy of British Film Institute) DIR/SCR/PROD Yehdego Abeselom; PROD Jeremiah Lewis. US, 2007, color, 98 min. In Amharic, English and French with English subtitles. NOT RATED

SHOOT THE MESSENGER
Fri, June 26, 7:00
A bold, funny and controversial film directed by the politically explosive Nigerian-Brit filmmaker Ngozi Onwurah. The film's opening line, "...everything bad that has ever happened to me has involved a black person," rouses and prepares us for a critically insightful and intellectually charged confrontation of ideological and cultural perspectives that is candidly rendered in this remarkably thought-provoking film. (Note courtesy of AFI 20/20) DIR Ngozi Onwurah; SCR Sharon Foster; PROD Anne Pivcevic. UK, 2006, color, 90 min. NOT RATED
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Post-screening Q&A moderated by Jeff Krulik

EVERY OTHER DAY IS HALLOWEEN
Sat, June 27, 8:20
This comedic documentary chronicles the career and legacy of Dick Dyszel, whose television alter-egos, “Count Gore De Vol,” “Captain 20” and “Bozo the Clown” helped raise generations of Washingtonians in the 1970s and 1980s (almost a half-million “Channel 20 Club Cards” were distributed during this time). But it was in the 1990s that Dick helped revolutionized the concept of entertainment-on-demand when he launched the first-ever streaming horror host show, “Creature Feature: The Weekly Web Program,”—predating Hulu, YouTube, and the iPod by years—which opened him up to the world. Featuring rare one-of-a-kind footage, and interviews with Dick Dyszel, critic Arch Campbell, writer Steve Niles, filmmaker Jeff Krulik, “scream-queens” Eleanor Herman and Leanna Chamish, as well as a new generation of television “horror hosts” including John Dimes (“Dr. Sarcofiguy”) and Jerry Moore II (“Karlos Borloff”), this doc’s universal appeal goes beyond the beltway to show how art can sometimes come back to re-influence itself, and how the best days will always be ahead. DIR C.W. Prather; PROD C.W. Prather, Dick Dyszel. US, 2009, color, 90 min. NOT RATED

THE LIMITS OF CONTROL

THE LIMITS OF CONTROL is the newest offering from filmmaker Jim Jarmusch (the subject of an AFI Silver retrospective in 2005, the year BROKEN FLOWERS won the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival). Set in the striking and varied landscapes of contemporary Spain (both urban and otherwise), the location shoot united writer/director Jarmusch with acclaimed cinematographer Christopher Doyle (IN THE MOOD FOR LOVE, PARANOID PARK). Isaach De Bankolé (previously seen in Jarmusch’s GHOST DOG) is a mysterious loner whose activities remain meticulously outside the law. He is in the process of completing a job, yet he trusts no one, and his objectives are not initially divulged. His journey, paradoxically both intently focused and dreamlike, takes him not only across Spain but also through his own consciousness. The stellar cast includes Gael García Bernal, Tilda Swinton, and Bill Murray. DIR/SCR Jim Jarmusch; PROD Gretchen McGowan, Stacey E. Smith. US, 2009, color, 116 min. RATED R
May 9 - July 1

Audiences can’t wait to find out what Danny Boyle’s next project will be. Tantalizing rumors are out there— the next Bond film? A remake of MY FAIR LADY with Keira Knightley? With the afterglow of SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE’s amazing success still twinkling (winner of 8 Oscars, including Best Picture, and Best Director for Boyle), it’s the perfect time to take a look back at this eclectic genius’s wildly diverse body of work, from early cult hits like SHALLOW GRAVE and TRAINSPOTTING, both starring Ewan McGregor, to the charming family film MILLIONS and the sci-fi adventure SUNSHINE, starring Cillian Murphy and Michelle Yeoh.

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MILLIONS
Sat, May 9, 12:30; Sun, May 10, 7:40
Boyle’s unexpectedly tender and fantastical fable about two young brothers who stumble across a stolen bag of money that must be spent before Britain converts to the euro. Having recently lost their mother, the boys disagree as to how to spend the money. Sensitive younger brother Damian believes it’s a gift from above and wants to distribute it to the poor, while worldly older brother Anthony wants to invest. When the original bank robber comes calling, as well as a pretty new lady for their father, the boys have different takes on dealing with the changes. DIR Danny Boyle; SCR Frank Cottrell Boyce; PROD Graham Broadbent, Andrew Hauptman, Damian Jones. UK, 2004, color, 98 min. RATED PG-13

SUNSHINE
Fri, May 15, 7:00; Sat, May 16, 10:00; Sun, May 17, 9:25; Mon, May 18, 9:00; Wed, May 20, 9:30
Fifty years from now the sun is dying. The entire global community pools its resources to send a mission into space to deliver a bomb to reignite the part of the sun that is failing. When the crew stumbles upon a ship that was sent on the same mission seven years previously, they prepare to sacrifice the success of their mission to aid the spacecraft. Once connection is made personal tensions begin to flare, as well as suspicions that the mission may be sabotaged. With an impressive international cast that includes Cillian Murphy and Michelle Yeoh, this film is a tense science fiction thriller that delivers. DIR Danny Boyle; SCR Alex Garland; PROD Andrew Macdonald. UK/US, 2007, color, 107 min. RATED R

SHALLOW GRAVE
Fri, May 22, 9:20; Sun, May 24, 9:00; Mon, May 25, 7:00; Tues, May 26, 9:00; Thurs, May 28, 9:20
Danny Boyle’s debut feature is a blacker-than-black comedy about three Scottish flat dwellers—an accountant (Christopher Eccleston), a doctor (Kerry Fox) and a journalist (Ewan McGregor)—whose new roommate’s abrupt departure leaves them with a corpse, some cash and an ever-cascading series of moral dilemmas. A dark, witty and endlessly entertaining thriller, this film immediately marked Boyle as one of the leading lights of the new British cinema. DIR Danny Boyle; SCR John Hodge; PROD Andrew Macdonald. UK, 1994, color, 93 min. RATED R
THE FILMS OF DANNY BOYLE

TRAINSPOTTING
Fri, May 29, 9:15; Sat, May 30, 9:15; Mon, June 1, 9:40; Tues, June 2, 9:40; Wed, June 3, 9:10
Collaborating again with producer Andrew Macdonald and screenwriter John Hodge (who received an Academy Award nomination), Boyle delivered a rollicking, vibrant adaptation of Irvine Welsh’s novel about heroin addiction in Edinburgh. Ewan McGregor is the charismatic leader of a group of addicts and hangers-on who finds his refusal to “choose life” sorely tested as the consequences of his addiction begin to pile up. Horrifying yet hilarious, bleak yet joyous, this is one of the landmark and controversial films of the 1990s. DIR Danny Boyle; SCR John Hodge, based on the novel by Irvine Welsh; PROD Andrew Macdonald. UK, 1996, color, 94 min. RATED R

A LIFE LESS ORDINARY
Sun, June 7, 9:35; Mon, June 8, 9:35
For his third feature, Boyle took aim at the romantic comedy, while losing none of the inventiveness and verve that marked his previous outings. Sent to Earth to unite two lovers, angels Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo set their sights on boss’s daughter Cameron Diaz and boss’s employee Ewan McGregor, an unlikely couple who find romance amidst kidnapping, extortion, burglary and other unexpected circumstances. DIR Danny Boyle; SCR John Hodge; PROD Andrew Macdonald. UK/US, 1997, color, 103 min. RATED R

THE BEACH
Fri, June 12, 9:30; Sat, June 13, 9:40
Leonardo DiCaprio is an adventure-seeking American traveling to Thailand where he meets (reoccurring Boyle favorite) Robert Carlyle, a philosophical madman who before committing suicide gives him a mysterious map supposedly leading to a natural paradise. With the help of two fellow French travelers he sets out, but the island utopia he discovers turns out to be far more sinister, and inhabited by a secret community that doesn’t take kindly to the unwanted guests. DIR Danny Boyle; SCR John Hodge, based on the novel by Alex Garland; PROD Andrew Macdonald. US/UK, 2000, color, 119 min. RATED R

28 DAYS LATER...
Fri, June 26, 10:00; Sat, June 27, 11:00; Sun, June 28, 9:05; Mon, June 29, 9:30; Tues, June 30, 9:15; Wed, July 1, 9:05
Casting the then-relative unknown Irish actor Cillian Murphy in this low budget zombie thriller turned out to be another twist of genius by Boyle in this box office smash. A highly contagious virus called ‘rage’ has dispatched the majority of the world’s population and has transformed those that remain into bloodthirsty zombies. Jim (Murphy) awakens on a hospital bed 28 days after the virus overwhelms London to a post-apocalyptic devastated city. He joins forces with a band of other survivors, and together they journey toward a mysterious radio broadcast and a man who promises salvation on an isolated country compound. DIR Danny Boyle; SCR Alex Garland; PROD Andrew Macdonald. UK, 2002, color, 113 min. RATED R
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**HAPPY SAD**
Thurs, June 4, 7:00
When 17-year-old Mandy’s mother is sent to prison, she goes to live with her father’s dysfunctional family, whom she has never known. Her new situation brings about profound changes in the lives of several people, and long-hidden family secrets are revealed as tempers and personalities flare. (Note courtesy of Pan African Film & Arts Festival)

DIR Dianah Wynter
SCR/PROD Horace Winter; PROD Rodill Clarke. Trinidad and Tobago, 2009, color, 105 min. NOT RATED

**EL BENNY**
Thurs, June 4, 9:30
A colorful biopic of one of the biggest legends in Cuban music, 1950s bandleader and all-around mambo king Benny More. Exciting music and dance numbers sparkle against the darker passages in Moré’s life, including hard drinking and struggles to retain artistic integrity in the face of those who seek to manipulate him for economic or political gain.

DIR/SCR Jorge Luis Sánchez; SCR Abrahán Rodríguez; PROD Iohamil Navarro. Cuba, 2006, color, 132 min. In Spanish with English subtitles. NOT RATED

**RAIN**
Fri, June 5, 7:00
Raised by her grandmother on bucolic Ragged Island in the Bahamas, teenager Rain goes to live with her estranged mother in Nassau after her beloved grandmother passes away. But her mother leads a dangerous and self-destructive lifestyle, and Nassau turns out to be a very different place from her former home. At her new school, Rain’s track coach (THE SHIELD’s CCH Pounder) becomes a mentor to the youngster, and helps her navigate the challenges and realize her potential.

DIR/SCR/PROD Maria Govan; PROD Nate Kohn; Pamela Kohn; Francis J. Kuzler; Molly M. Mayeux. Bahamas, 2008, color, 93 min. NOT RATED

**SUGAR CANE ALLEY**
Fri, June 5, 9:30
In 1930s Martinique, José (Garry Cadenet) is orphaned at age 11 and goes to live with his grandmother (Darling Légitimus) in Sugar Cane Alley, a shantytown located next to the fields where the residents perform backbreaking work for little pay. José excels in school, and when he wins a partial scholarship to a top school in the city, his devoted grandmother moves them there, making a home for them out of a packing crate and working even longer hours to make ends meet. Director Palcy (A DRY WHITE SEASON) blends humor and heartbreak in this classic of Caribbean cinema, elegantly balancing sentiment and tough-mindedness. DIR/SCR Euzhan Palcy, after the novel by Joseph Zobel. France/Martinique, 1983, color, 103 min. In French with English subtitles. RATED PG