

second runs

Tom Panzenhagen

"2001: A Space Odyssey" (1968), 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, phone 537-2560. Running time 139 minutes.

As the granddaddy of the outer space epics of the 1970s, Stanley Kubrick's "2001" qualifies as one of the most far-sighted and significant films ever made. It's based on an Arthur C. Clark novel, but even Clark would be hard pressed to explain just exactly what this film is about.

Plot, character and action are virtually non-existent, yet Kubrick molds an

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?
A ratings guide to the movies
Bad \$1
Fair \$2
Good \$3
Excellent \$4

absolutely fascinating, spellbinding film with wonderful special effects and the music of Richard Strauss. Keir Dullea and Gary Lockwood appear in the film, but a personable computer named Hal is the star.

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"2001" — like the Strauss — is more easily absorbed than understood. Rating: \$3.75.

"A Night at the Opera" (1935), 7 p.m. Saturday at the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward, phone 833-4049, \$2.50. Running time (movie only) 90 minutes.

The Marx Brothers' sixth film marked their departure from Paramount Studios and the beginning of a fruitful association with Irving Thalberg and MGM, for whom they made five films while enjoying their greatest success.

Earlier Marx Brothers' pictures — though certainly outrageously funny — were mostly expanded vaudeville routines. Thalberg instructed his writers to add more structure to the brothers' films and, while plot never stands in the way of a punch line, the Marxes

work at MGM is their best. "A Night at the Opera" is part of the Detroit Public Library's special "1935 Evening." The program will recreate a typical night at the movies circa 1935, and will include a newswheel, Laurel and Hardy short, cartoon and previews. Rating: \$3.40.

"High Plains Drifter" (1973), 9 p.m. Sunday on Ch. 7. Originally 105 minutes.

Fortunately, "High Plains Drifter" has a very competent director to guide it along — Eastwood himself. In his best film in years, Eastwood blows like tumbleweed into an isolated, frightened, little town, stopping just long enough to impose his own brand of morality on the townsfolk who hire him to protect them from a gang of outlaws. Rating: \$3.35.

Thursday, January 8, 1981 (S-F-9C, Ro-7C, 6C+ P.C.R.W.G-4C)(O)15C

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CELEBRITY NIGHT WEDNESDAY

In recent years, it has become traditional for well-known Detroit-area personalities and professional athletes to greet Auto Show visitors between 7 and 10 p.m. Wednesday evening, signing autographs and meeting friends and fans.

The celebrities, who will be announced the week prior to opening, include "on air" personalities from many radio and television stations, newspaper columnists and representatives of major professional sports teams.

NEW CAR AUCTIONS THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHTS

A professional APICD auctioneer travels from exhibit to exhibit to bring a carnival atmosphere via new car auctions throughout Halls A, B and C of the Auto Show on January 15 and 16, beginning at 8 p.m. Specific cars to be auctioned will be announced prior to opening. As some bidding on special vehicles begins as low as \$1, it is possible to purchase a "hot" auction car at substantial savings.

THE DETROIT AUTO SHOW COBO HALL JANUARY 10-18

SHOW HOURS: Daily 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. except Wednesday, when the show opens at 1:00 p.m., and Friday when the show closes at 11 p.m. On weekends, the show is open from noon to 11 p.m., except the last day of the show, January 18, when the show closes promptly at 10 p.m. ADMISSION: Adults \$3.50, Children under 12 \$1.50, and Senior Citizens no charge.

SUBURBAN DETROIT THEATRES.

Bargain Evenings Monday-Thursday

ABBEY 1
Across from Oakland Mall on 14 Mile at I-75 588-0881
Sam Jones, Topol
Max Von Sydow
"FLASH GORDON" (PG)

ABBEY 2
Cort Theatre
"ANY WHICH WAY YOU CAN" (PG)

ABBEY 3
Richard Pryor & Gene Wilder
"STIR CRAZY" (R)

ABBEY 4
Robert DeNiro
"POPEYE" (PG)

FAIRLANE 1
Forrestal at Telegraph 461-7200
Richard Pryor & Gene Wilder
"STIR CRAZY" (R)

FAIRLANE 2
Marion Brando, George C. Scott
"THE FORMULA" (R)

MAPLE 1
At W. Maple at Telegraph
Accompanying Bloom and 855-5500
Robert DeNiro
"THE RAGING BULL" (R)

MAPLE 2
Shirley Duvall & Robin Williams as "POPEYE" (PG)

MAPLE 3
Mary Tyler Moore, Donald Sutherland
"ORDINARY PEOPLE" (R)

NORTHLAND 1
J. Hudson, Duane Hanks
"SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES" (PG)

NORTHLAND 2
Marion Brando, George C. Scott
"THE FORMULA" (R)

OLD ORCHARD 1
On Orchard Lake Road
Home of 12 Mile 522-2210
Golden Hearn, Chevy Chase
"SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES" (PG)

OLD ORCHARD 2
Bob Gata, Margee Shuman, Kathy
"FIRST FAMILY" (R)

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Marion Brando, George C. Scott
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TERRACE 1
30400 Plymouth Road
Near Middlebelt 137-1717
Sam Jones, Topol
Max Von Sydow, Topol
in "FLASH GORDON" (PG)

TERRACE 2
Robert DeNiro as "THE RAGING BULL"

TOWNE 1
Greenfield Rd. N. of 19th St. 968-8700
Shirley Duvall & Robin Williams as "POPEYE" (PG)

TOWNE 2
Bob Gata, Margee Shuman, Kathy
"FIRST FAMILY" (R)