

SCREEN SCENE

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$5; \$4 students)

"The Mystery of Rambo" (Japan - 1995). 7, 9:30 p.m. Sept. 22; 3, 4, 7 p.m. Sept. 24. A writer pens a story about a woman who suffocates her husband only to find real-life mirroring his work. His subsequent plunges into the world of obsessive, erotic fantasy makes this one of the most bizarre and challenging films of the year.

"The Wings of Honneamise" (Japan - 1987). 7 p.m. Sept. 25. Also known as "Royal Space Force," this boldly designed feature is one of the must-see titles in Japanese animation.

MAGNUS THEATRE
22919 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$4 unless otherwise noted)

"Grease" (USA - 1978). 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21. John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John come from different sides of the tracks in this kitschy tribute to 1950s music and morals. Based on the popular stage play.

"Michigan Lesbian and Gay Film Festival." Sept. 22-24, call (810) 825-6651 for full schedule

and showtimes. The third annual event kicks off Friday with a screening of "No Ordinary Love," a twentysomething comedy/drama about the tangled lives and loves of six L.A.-based friends. On Saturday and Sunday, premieres of shorts and features including "Ball Measure 9," "Heaven's a Drag," and "Sister My Sister." (Tickets \$6 per screening; \$16 festival day pass)

CRUMB (USA - 1994). 8 p.m. Sept. 25-27 (call for showtimes). An extraordinary documentary about underground comic artist R. Crumb doesn't blink in his honest portrait of his life and work. Especially unforgettable are interviews with the brothers who make the eccentric Robert the most stable member of his family.

MAIN ART THEATRE
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile,

Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$4.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight)

"Jeffrey" (USA - 1995). A gay actor/writer living in New York vows celibacy in fear of contracting AIDS but then meets the man of his dreams, who just happens to be HIV-positive. "Star Trek's" Patrick Stewart recalls his stage actor origins in his turn as a flamboyant interior decorator.

"The Usual Suspects" (USA - 1995). Five guys who meet in a police lineup join for a simple heist. What happens next will keep you guessing in this cleverly scripted caper starring Gabriel Byrne, Kevin Spacey, and Chazz Palminteri.

"The Brothers McMullen"

(USA - 1995). For what some people spend on a new car, Edward Burns made this engaging first feature about a young screenwriter and his two brothers in contemporary Long Island. Burns calls his audience pleaser a "romantic comedy for guys," and what it lacks in acting and production values it more than makes up in charm

MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield Township. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$9; \$2.95 twilight)

"Country Life" (Australia - 1995). Life on a turn-of-the-century sheep ranch is thrown into chaos with the return of a long-lost son-in-law and his English wife. Based on Chekhov's "Uncle

Vanya." It stars Sam Neill, Greta Scacchi, and Kerry Fox.

"The Usual Suspects" (USA - 1995). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

"The Brothers McMullen" (USA - 1995). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

REDUCED THEATRE
17360 Lahser, Redford. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50; \$1.50 students)

"Gigi" (USA - 1958). 8 p.m. Sept. 22; 2, 8 p.m. Sept. 23 (organs overture begins a half hour before showtime). Leslie Caron and Louis Jordan star in this Oscar-winning musical based on Colette's story of a French girl with her sights set on high society. Dapper Frenchman Maurice Chevalier croons the memorable "Thank Heaven for Little Girls."

"Moonlight and Valentino," written by Ellen Simon, Neil Simon's daughter, stars Elizabeth Perkins Whoopi Goldberg Gwyneth Paltrow Kathleen Turner.

Help us find metro Detroit's sexiest house painter

We know you're out there, but so far we've only received a few entries for our "Metro Detroit's sexiest house painter" contest. Send a photo of your candidate for sexiest house painter — it can be a professional house painter, your husband, a friend, or even a neighbor who paints houses — by Monday, Sept. 25 to Kelly Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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WNIC, flowers, candy, champagne and a round-trip limo ride to a special preview screening of the comedy "Moonlight and Valentino" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Star Theatre John R. in Madison Heights. The winning photo will be published in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Fifty runner's-up will receive

passes for two to the Sept. 28 screening of "Moonlight and Valentino," and packages of Moon Garden seeds.

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