

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, 5700 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information. (\$6; \$4 students)  
"Jalashgar (The Music Room)" (India - 1989). 7, 9:30 p.m. Oct. 13-14; 4, 7 p.m. Oct. 16. A nobleman incurs massive debts after throwing a lavish music festival to spite his neighbor in this redacted master work from director Satyajit Ray.  
"Playing the Part" (USA - 1995) and "Paul Bowler: The Complete Outsider" (USA - 1993). Starting at 7 p.m. Oct. 16.

The first is a 40-minute documentary by Mitch McCabe in which the director contemplates coming out to her upright, Graysen Polite parents. Followed by a biographical film about Bowles, the enigmatic author of such works as "The Shattering Sky."

**KINOTEK, WINDSOR FILM THEATRE**  
2135 Wyandotte St. West, Windsor, Canada. Call (619) 264-FILM for more information. (\$4.50 Canadian; \$4 U.S.)  
"El Topo" (Mexico - 1969). 9 p.m. 10-17. Alejandro Jodorowsky's ultra-violent trip film includes, for starters, the slaughter of an entire village, depictions of hideous brutalities, and humiliations ad infinitum. One critic at the time of release said it "could appeal only to the juvenile, the adolescent, or the leech-freaked," which, of course, makes it all the more interesting today.

**MAJIC 840 THEATRE**  
22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. "Bole de Jour" (France - 1967). 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12. Catherine Deneuve stars as a bored Parisian housewife who spends her afternoons as a prostitute. Lutz Bannai directs with his usual eye for the absurd, especially as it involves the social classes, religion, and modern morality. (admission \$4)  
"Freedom on My Mind" (USA - 1994). 2 p.m. Oct. 15. This much-

halled documentary tells the dramatic story of the Mississippi voter registration of the early 1960s. (admission \$0)  
**MAIN ARY THEATRE**  
118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 842-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$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. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$8; \$2.95 twilight)  
"Run of the Country" (Irish - 1995). After his mother's death, a Catholic lad from Northern Ireland rebels against his police-ser-

gent father (Albert Finney) with disastrous results.  
"How to Make an American Quilt" (USA - 1995). Winona Ryder writes advice about marriage, so visits her grandmother and great aunt (Ellen Burstyn and Anne Bancroft) who are already in the process of creating her a wedding quilt. Along the way they tell stories about their own lives and loves. Directed by Jocelyn Moorhouse ("Proof").  
"The Brothers McMullen" (USA - 1995). See Main Art Theatre listing above.  
**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN**  
Recreation and Organizations Center, on campus, Evergreen Road between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue. Movies begin 7:30 p.m. No charge, open to the public. Call (313) 593-5390 for information.  
"Batman Forever." Thursday, Oct. 12. In the third installment, Batman (Val Kilmer) is assisted by Robin (Chris O'Donnell). The two crime fighters battle the Riddler (Jim Carrey) and Two-Face (Tommy Lee Jones).

COMING ATTRACTIONS

OPENING FRIDAY, OCT. 13

**"STRANGE DAYS"**  
On the eve of the Millennium in the digital underground of Los Angeles, a human experience is bought and sold as the newest illicit diversion. A street hustler finds himself drawn into a vortex of paranoia and murder, and all he needs to do is get the woman who loves him and save the woman he loves, and make it through the night alive. Stars Angela Bassett, Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Lewis and Tom Sizemore. Rated R.  
**"THE SCARLET LEITER"**  
Based on Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic novel about ostracism in 17th century Boston, the story of Hester Prynne, a young woman forced to wear an "A" as the mark of her sin. Stars Demi Moore, Rob-

ert Duval and Gary Oldman. Rated R.  
**"JADE"**  
A mystery whereby the lives of three people are involved in a brutal murder and endangered by a shocking truth. Stars David Caruso, Linda Fiorentino and Chazz Palminteri. Rated R.  
**OPENING FRIDAY, OCT. 20**  
**"BLUE IN THE FACE"**  
A series of comic vignettes revolving around the operations of the Brooklyn cigar store that was featured in "Smoke." Stars Harvey Keitel, Roseanne, Lily Tomlin, Mitchell J. Fox.  
**"NEVER TALK TO STRANGERS"**  
Thriller about a criminal psychiatrist whose life becomes a nightmare when her life and sanity are

threatened by a stalker.  
**"MUTE WITNESSES"**  
Thriller about a group of Americans making a low budget horror film in Russian who stumble into some dangerous and deadly situations.  
**"GET SHORTY"**  
Comedy about a hoodlum who arrives in Hollywood to collect on a gambling debt, only to wind up a major player in the movie industry.

Stars John Travolta, Gene Hackman, Renee Russo, Danny DeVito.  
**"SMALL RAIN"**  
Second in a trilogy by "Clerks" director, Kevin Smith, this film offers a humorous look at the ups and downs of two high school grads, who lose their girlfriends and go to all lengths to get them back. Stars Shanne Doherty, Jason Lee.

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AMC EASTLAND 2	AMC SOUTHWILD CITY
AMC SOUTHWILD 4	AMC WOODLAND
AMC NOV TOWN	QUO VADIS
SHOWCASE HARBOR	SHOWCASE 12 OAKS
SHOWCASE 1415 MI	STAR ROCHESTER MILLS
STAR OAKLAND	STAR WEST RIVER
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AMC CANTON	QUO VADIS	BEACON WEST
SHOWCASE 1415 MI	SHOWCASE CHANDLER	SHOWCASE 1415 MI
STAR LINCOLN PARK	STAR CHAMBERS HILLS	STAR JOHN R
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AMC WOODLAND	QUO VADIS	SHOWCASE AUBURN HILLS
SHOWCASE 1415 MI	SHOWCASE STERLING HILLS	STAR GRANOT 17
STAR LINCOLN PARK	STAR ROCHESTER	STAR TAYLOR
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**SOME FANTASIES GO TOO FAR**

DAVID CORUSS  
LINDA FLORENTIN  
GREGG PALMINTERI

**JADE**

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