

## SCREEN SCENE



Liam Lownan

Drama: Kelly Macdonald stars as Diane in Danny Boyle's "Trainspotting," a Miramax Films Release.

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

**Detroit Film Theatre** 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 832-2730 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

• "Manny and Lo" (USA - 1996). Aug. 16-18 (all for showtimes). One of the most talked-about films at the Sundance Film Festival is this portrait of two sisters who run away from the foster homes and find themselves under the influence of an eccentric shop clerk (Mary Kay Place).

• "The 34th Ann Arbor Film Festival Tour." 7 p.m. Aug. 19. If you missed this year's festival, here's a chance to catch some of the highlights. Whether you stay for all or part of the four-hour screening, you'll understand why this is the country's preeminent showcase of experimental short films.

**Detroit Science Center** 5020 John R at Warren, Detroit. Call (313) 677-6400 for information and showtimes. (Free with museum admission. \$6.50; \$4.50 seniors/students)

• "Titanica." An Omnimax screening that takes you inside the perihelios and across sunken decks of the world's most famous shipwreck. Also showing:

• "Destiny in Space," which shows how humans will live in space in the not-too-distant future.

**Magic Bag Theatre** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

• "Kids in the Hall Brain Candy" (USA - 1996). 9 p.m. Aug. 21. Canadian's premier comedy troupe brings their various personas to the big screen. The story is pretty clever too, about a Prozac-like drug that unlocks your happiest memory.

**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. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

• "Lone Star" (USA - 1996). John Sayles wrote and directed this subtle, moving drama about a sheriff who must dig deep to solve a 40-year-old murder. What he doesn't count on is that the prime suspect is his late father, a legend in his tiny Texas border town.

• "Trainspotting" (Britain - 1996). A runaway hit in Britain: the story of five liars, losers, junkies, and thieves on the road to self-destruction in modern-day Edinburgh. This one's directed by Danny Boyle, who made the

clever "Shallow Grave."

• "Emma" (USA - 1996). After it showed up as the modern story "Clueless" last year, Hollywood has brought Jane Austen's novel to the screen as the real thing, a beautifully filmed and exceptionally acted tale of a woman who fancies herself a matchmaker but falls short when it comes to her own romance.

**Michigan Theatre** 606 Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8397 for information. (\$5; \$4 students/seniors)

• "A Perfect Candidate" (USA - 1996). 7 p.m. Aug. 16. The 1994 Virginia Senate race between Oliver North and Chuck Robb is the focus of this documentary about the political process.

• "Shallow Grave" (Scotland - 1996). 11:30 p.m. Aug. 16-17. He hit the big time with "Trainspotting," but Scottish director Danny Boyle made a smaller splash last year with this cleverly wicked thriller about three friends who murder

their roommate and then try to hide their dirty deed.

• "Emma" (USA - 1996). Aug. 16-31 (all for showtimes). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

**Redford Theatre** 17360 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2660. (\$3.50) Screwball comedy double feature - "It Happened One Night" (USA - 1936) and "Twentieth Century" (USA - 1936). 8 p.m. Aug. 16; 2, 8 p.m. Aug. 17 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime).

Two classics of Depression-era comedy. The first is a fitting tribute to Claudette Colbert (who passed away last month) as a runaway heiress who hits the road with newspaper man Clark Gable. Directed by Frank Capra. The second stars John Barrymore and Carole Lombard in the story of a volatile Broadway director and his tirad-of-it-all protégée. Howard Hawks directs.

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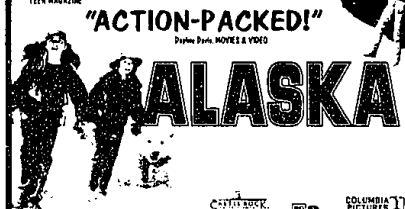
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