

MOVIES

Alternative movies provide cure for summer withdrawal

TICKETS PLEASE



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If you're like me, summer can mean three long months of smart movie withdrawal...

must-see lists of people who really care about movies...

Most of the buzz about "Ulee's Gold" revolves around the lead performance of Peter Fonda...

Ulee doesn't want to go. He's disgusted by his irresponsible son and daughter-in-law...

"Ulee's Gold" is directed by Victor Nunez, who helmed the 1993 art house hit "Ruby in Paradise."

This is far better, a finely textured study of a man who takes his responsibilities seriously...

Fonda's low-key performance makes this the kind of film where you read a character not so much by what he says...

"Love! Valour! Compassion!" brings Terrence McNally's play to the screen and, by all accounts, with great success...

an aging dancer.

The characters begin as gay stereotypes - the bickering married couple, the single friend obsessed with Broadway showtimes...

There is plenty of room for conflict. Some have known each other since childhood...

"Love! Valour! Compassion!" marks the best screen role for Jason Alexander since he became forever linked with George on TV's "Seinfeld"...



Comedy-drama: Ramon Fornos (Randy Becker) in 'Love! Valour! Compassion!'

Like the Jamaican bobblehead team in "Cool Runnings," the brass band in "Brassed Off" defines itself as an ensemble...

Heavy on sentiment, "Brassed Off" is an old-fashioned, inspirational story that also packs a political punch...

Holding the group together is Danny (Pete Postlethwaite), whose mind is not so much on...

the economic implications of the shutdown as what it will mean to the band...

The showiest (but not necessarily best) performance comes from John Glover, who plays twin brothers John and James...

The cast is a charmer, from the faces of little-known character actors that populate the band to the rekindled romance between...

Shown on big-screen video. State Theater 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 961-5450 for information...

"All Over Me" (USA - 1997). A drama about three teenagers who come of age and come out sexually in New York City's Hell's Kitchen...

"Stranger Brew" (USA-1983). Call (248) 948-0460 for information. (\$1)

"Double Indemnity" (USA - 1944). 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 22. Some call this the definitive "film noir"...

"Woman in the Dunes" (Japan-1964) 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, July 21-22. The second feature from surrealist painter Hiroshi Teshigahara...

"Air Force One" Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman and Glenn Close star in this action thriller about the first family being hijacked on Air Force One...

"Operation Condor" Action adventure thriller about a search for hidden gold deep in the African forest...

"Shall We Dance" Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. An ordinary 42-year-old businessman and a former competitive dancer find each other and together discover the joy of dance...

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

Table with columns for General Cinemas, Batman, Friday-Thursdays, Night Falls on Manhattan, Waterford Cinema, and various other theaters listing movies and showtimes.

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, 5201 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 833-2323 for information...

Main Art Theatre II Man-11 Area Royal Oak (313) 542-0180 \$3.00 (TWO) SHOWS DAILY

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COMING ATTRACTIONS Scheduled to open Friday, July 18 'NOTHING TO LOSE' An action comedy about a desolate corporate executive who kidnaps a would-be catcher...

Week of 7/27-7/31 ANACONDA (PG13) LUAR, LUAR (PG13) SINGAPORE (R) AUSTIN POWERS (PG13)

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