

FILM BEAT

Film Beat lists what's playing at alternative film theaters, special movie events and local flicks. Offerings and movie schedules may change after press time, so be sure to call ahead. Film beat listings and movie information can be submitted to: Nicole Stafford, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 801 East Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or e-mail nstafford@oehomecom.net.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE. Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-3237. www.dia.org/dit. Adult admission: \$5.50, senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DIA members, \$5.50. Discount tickets available in book for five for \$25. Films screened Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All Monday shows are in the evening.
Feb. 28 and March 1, *River (Japan)*, 1952, directed by Akira Kurosawa. An office bureaucrat with six months to live tries to make sense of his life and the most of his remaining days.
March 3, *Interview with the Assassin*, first-time director Neil Burger's witty and clever thriller about a man desperate to convince an unemployed television reporter that he assassinated JFK - with Raymond J. Barry and Dylan Haggerty.

REDFORD THEATRE. 17360 Lahser in Detroit, call (313) 537-2560. Regular admission, \$3.
March 7, *The Producers*. Albert Brooks' 1968 film about a Broadway promoter and neurotic accountant's scheme to produce an intentional flop entitled *Springtime for Hitler* - with Gene Wilder and Zero Mostel.
March 14-15, *Wings*, a silent war film that won the first Academy Award for Best Picture - with Charles "Buddy" Rogers, Clara Bow and Richard Arlen.

brew and view at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-3030. www.magicbag.com, movie nights on Wednesdays and Thursdays in small theater setting with full bar; must be at least 21, doors open at 8 p.m., films start at 9:30 p.m., box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$2.
Feb. 27, *8 Mile*. Eminem makes his film debut in a story about life and survival in the big city. Check out all your favorite Detroit landmarks on the big screen - with Kim Basinger.

MAPLE ART THEATRE. 4135 West Maple in Bloomfield Township, (248) 542-0180. Adult evening admission is \$8.50. Matinees before 6 p.m. and admission for seniors and children is always \$6. Call theater for schedule.

MICHIGAN THEATRE. 603 East Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 668-8463. www.michtheater.com. Adult admission, \$8, students and senior citizens, \$6.25, Michigan Theater members, \$5.50. Films are shown daily.
Opening Feb. 28, *El Crimen Del Padre Amaro (Spain)*. A recently ordained priest sent to a small parish church in Mexico meets Amelia, a beautiful 16-year-old girl whose religious devotion turns into attraction - directed by Carlos Carrera.
Opening March 2, *Derriida*, biographical documentary about the life of French philosopher Jacques Derrida.
Feb. 27, *Le Cercle Rouge (France)*, 1970 thriller by director Jean-Pierre Melville - with Alain Delon and Yves Montand.
Continuing, *Talk to Her (Spain)*. Director Pedro Almodóvar's chilling love story about a nurse and a writer.

STATE THEATRE. 233 State St., Ann Arbor, (734) 761-6667 or www.michtheater.com. Adult admission, \$8, students and senior citizens, \$6.25.
Continuing, *The Pianist*, Roman Polanski's film based on the memoirs of the talented pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew who miraculously survived World War II.
Continuing, *The Outlet American*. Director Phillip Hoyce's adaptation of the Graham Greene novel with Michael Caine as a veteran English journalist and Brendan Fraser as an idealistic American. The story is a murder mystery with a love triangle set in Saigon during the French Indochina War.

UPTOWN BIRMINGHAM 8. 211 South Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham, (205) 644-3456. Adult admission is \$8.50 in the evening and \$6 for matinee showings before 6 p.m. Admission for seniors age 55 and older is \$5.50 all the time. Admission for children age 12 and under is \$5.75 all the time. Call theater for schedule.

LOCAL FILMS & FILM EVENTS. Opened Feb. 21 with run of several weeks expected, *F.I. Blues*, directed, written and produced by Jim Deuker of Detroit with local actors, a romantic comedy about a private detective wants-be. Imagine Theatre, 44425 W. 12 Mile in Novi, call (248) 319-3456.



Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church presents Irving Berlin's "Call Me Madam" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 28 and March 1, and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia. Tickets \$7, \$3 students through grade 12. Call (734) 422-0494. Pictured are Cathy Stage (right as Madam Ambassador), John Chew and John Mlemesto on the village square in Lichtenberg. This is the 30th musical directed by Martha Kuykendall and performed by members and friends of the church now celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs offering grants

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs will present free workshops on the 11 grant programs it funds. The workshops are available to all non-profit organizations and will be hosted by the College for Creative Studies 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Wendell W. Anderson Jr. Auditorium in the Walter B Ford II Building on Frederick Douglass between John Rd and Brush on the CCS campus. Registration is not required. MCACA programs provide funding for arts and cultural projects taking place between Oct. 1, 2003, and Sept. 30, 2004. The next application deadline is May 1, 2003. For

more information on MCACA programs, call (517) 241-4011, or visit www.arts.state.mi.us/arts. The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs is also now accepting applications for its Creative Artist Grant program. Step One Applications for the FY2004 (FY04) Creative Artist Grant are available at ArtServe's offices, by mail or online. The CAG program has alternating year eligibility. Applications for FY04 will be accepted in: Visual Arts, Traditional Arts, Design Arts, Dance, Theater, Opera/Musical Theater and Inter/Multidisciplinary categories only. Next year (FY05) we will take applications for

Music, Creative Writing, Film/Video and Inter/Multidisciplinary. The Creative Artist Grant supports the creation of new works of art or the completion of a work of art in progress by individual artists residing in Michigan with funding provided by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. The application is a two-step process. The first step includes a simple form and submission of samples of artwork and resume. The second step is by invitation of the review panel and includes the proposed project, budget and public service. This brief initial application carries a deadline of 6 p.m.

Friday, May 9, (this is not a postmark deadline). Following a peer panel review, artists meeting certain criteria will be invited to submit the more detailed Step 2 application for their project. To receive a Step 1 application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope 9- by 12-inches or larger bearing 60 cents in postage to CAG FY04, ArtServe Michigan, 17515 W. Nine Mile Road, Suite 1025, Southfield, MI 48075-4426. The application may be downloaded. Questions may be directed to Christine Scheffman, Director, Artist Services, at (248) 557-8289, Ext 14 or artists@ArtServeMichigan.org.

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