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WED, JAN 11 - TUES, JAN 17 1 WEEK ONLY



EVERYBODY KNOWS... ELIZABETH MURRAY PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY KRISTI ZEA USA 2016 60 MINS. TASKOVSKI FILMS

THE 100 YEARS SHOW PRODUCED, DIRECTED, AND FILMED BY ALISON KLAYMAN USA 2015 30 MINS. RATPAC DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Elizabeth Murray (1940-2007) and Carmen Herrera (b. 1915): two women who shattered the art world's glass ceiling. Kristi Zea brings all the visual smarts she developed as a costume designer and award-winning production designer for Martin Scorsese and Jonathan Demme, among others. Murray's zany, colorful fractured canvases feature paeans to domesticity as they burst with the vivaciousness the artist herself exhibited even in the final days of her life. Murray's journals are read by Meryl Streep and art world luminaries Roberta Smith, Paula Cooper, and Jennifer Bartlett testify to both her life and work. Carmen Herrera is probably the oldest working artist in America, not to mention the most patient. The 101-year-old Havana-born Herrera, a New Yorker since 1954, works in the same minimal, hard-edged geometric aesthetic as acclaimed masters Frank Stella and Ellsworth Kelly — artists whose work gained recognition in the 1950s and 60s. At age 94, Herrera became "the discovery of the decade" (The Observer, London) and her recent solo exhibit at the Whitney Museum was termed "ravishing" (The New York Times). 12:30, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:10

WED, JAN 18 – TUES, JAN 31

LEONARD COHEN: BIRD ON A WIRE

DIRECTED AND EDITED BY TONY PALMER UK 1972/2010 106 MINS. ISOLDE FILMS

LEONARD COHEN: BIRD ON A WIRE follows the legendary musician/songwriter/poet (1934-2016) during his 1972 European concert tour, performing many of his classics ("Suzanne," "Sisters of Mercy," "Chelsea Hotel," "Famous Blue Raincoat," "So Long, Marianne"). Directed by Tony Palmer, this long-lost movie, never released theatrically, captures vintage Cohen — singing backstage with his band, gamely enduring press interviews, balking at encores (only to be gently coaxed back on stage by producer/bandmate Bob Johnston), and assessing life on the road with self-deprecating humor ("like some parrot chained to his stand night after night"). He even offers to reimburse disgruntled Dutch concertgoers after the sound system goes kaput. A portrait of a deeply reflective, surprisingly genial artist, at his creative peak. "Simply one of the most beautiful and moving music documentaries I have ever seen." — The Telegraph (UK).



WED, FEB 1 - THURS, FEB 16



DIRECTED BY TOMER HEYMANN PRODUCED BY BARAK HEYMANN

ISRAEL / SWEDEN / GERMANY/ THE NETHERLANDS 2015 100 MINS IN ENGLISH AND HEBREW WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES ABRAMORAMA

Ohad Naharin, the brilliant and charismatic choreographer, dancer and, since 1990, Director of Tel Aviv's Batsheva Dance Company, is an ideal subject for Israeli documentary filmmakers, the Heymann Brothers. They've devoted eight years to piecing together rehearsal footage, archival materials from Naharin's years as a dancer with the Martha Graham and Maurice Béjart companies, and candid moments from his restless, peripatetic creative life. Internationally acclaimed for his dramatic, harddriving, ritualistic, sometimes dangerous-seeming dances that are filled with erotica and suspense, Naharin has been "hailed as one of the most influential luminaries of contemporary dance... the ineffable quality of (whose) choreography is inextricable from another of his creations, a language he calls Gaga. Gaga is a set of invented words and phrases designed to provoke movements — by turns ugly, exquisite and silly — which together constitute an anti-technique, a way to escape the tried-and-tested style of modern and contemporary dance and break into a new range."— Anna Della Subin, The New York Times. 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20

Note: The Batsheva Dance Company is performing at BAM February 1–4, 2017.

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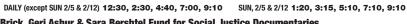
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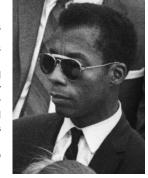
DIRECTED BY RAOUL PECK BASED ON THE WRITINGS OF JAMES BALDWIN

USA / FRANCE / BELGIUM / SWITZERLAND 2016 93 MINS. MAGNOLIA PICTURES

"A thrilling documentary about James Baldwin by the Haitian director Raoul Peck... At the heart of I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO is Baldwin's never-completed project about the civil rights movement and three of his assassinated friends: Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr... The documentary resurrects Baldwin's unrealized venture, primarily using his own words — Samuel L. Jackson provides the moving, modulated voice-over — to create a portrait of one man's confrontation with a country that, murder by murder, as he once put it, 'devastated my universe.' Brilliantly edited, (the film) moves across time and space seamlessly — insistently - sliding from the historical civil rights movement to more recent events, including Ferguson. Mr. Peck draws on a wealth of found and original visual material, including appalling excerpts from the F.B.I.'s files on Baldwin... Mr. Peck is a consummate filmmaker who deserves a larger American audience. He'll get it when I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO opens." — Manohla Dargis, The New York Times.



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FRI, MARCH 3 – TUES, MARCH 14 12 DAYS

THE SETTLERS

DIRECTED BY SHIMON DOTAN FRANCE / CANADA / ISRAEL 2016 110 MINS. IN ENGLISH, HEBREW, AND ARABIC WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES. BOND/360

BEN-GURION: EPILOGUE DIRECTED BY YARIV MOZER ISRAEL / FRANCE / GERMANY 2016 70 MINS. IN ENGLISH Go2 FILMS

In June 1967, at the end of the Six-Day War, Israel literally tripled its territory, occupying the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights, and the West Bank. Hundreds of thousands of settlers have made homes in these Occupied Territories since that time. THE SETTLERS takes their full measure — its focus ranging from opportunistic families seeking less costly living conditions to Western-style hippies; messianic, religious extremists to idealistic farmers; settler "patriarchs" to new converts. Israeli intellectuals, politicos, and academics weigh in on this conundrum: How can approximately a halfmillion people be allowed to stand in the way of a Middle Eastern peace settlement the world so desperately needs? Also playing is BEN-GURION: EPILOGUE, an unseen 1968 interview with the iconic Founding Father of Israel, in which he repeatedly declares that between land and peace, he would choose peace. Sharp, articulate, and funny at age 82, Ben-Gurion

THE SETTLERS 12:30, 2:50, 7:15, 9:30 BEN-GURION: EPILOGUE 5:45 DAILY (SEPARATE ADMISSION) refreshingly admits to having made mistakes.

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FRANTZ

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY FRANÇOIS OZON

FRANCE 2016 113 MINS. IN GERMAN AND FRENCH WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES MUSIC BOX FILMS

The end of the First World War (1914–1918) is approaching its 100th anniversary. French filmmaker François Ozon's elegant love story, FRANTZ, recalls the mourning period that follows great national tragedies, as seen through the eyes of the war's "lost generation": Anna, a bereft young German woman whose fiancé, Frantz, was killed during trench warfare and Adrien, a French veteran of the war who shows up mysteriously in her town, placing flowers on Frantz's grave. Ozon's characters wrestle with deeply felt, conflicting feelings: survivor's guilt, anger at one's losses, the overriding desire for happiness, and the longing for sexual, romantic and familial attachments. Inspired by Ernst Lubitsch's 1932 drama, BROKEN LULLABY (and with stunning visual references to Caspar David Friedrich), the film stars the handsome, suave Pierre Niney (who played Yves St. Laurent in the movie of the same name) and the lovely, melancholy Paula Beer. "A richly imagined and superbly assembled period piece." — Boyd van Hoeij, *The Hollywood Reporter.* 12:30, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50



WED, MARCH 29 - TUES, APR 11 2 WEEKS

KARL MARX CITY

WRITTEN, PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY PETRA EPPERLEIN AND MICHAEL TUCKER USA / GERMANY 2016 89 MINS. IN ENGLISH AND GERMAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES BOND/360

Unsurprisingly, East Germany (aka the GDR/German Democratic Republic) boasts people who are experts in suicide notes. The Soviet satellite came to an ignoble end when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, leaving behind a lot of unanswered questions, among them Petra Epperlein's suspicion that her father (a suicide) spied for the Stasi, the state police. Now a New Yorker, Epperlein and co-filmmaker Michael Tucker (GUNNER PALACE) return to her childhood home and, with wonderful graphic panache, investigate her family's past as well as the life of a nation in which one out of three citizens spied on the other two. Making smart use of "jaw-dropping period material which includes some wildly creepy Stasi surveillance imagery" (Manohla Dargis, The New York Times), it's a Cold War mystery tale and a psycho-political look at how the larger world impacts our individual understanding of love, trust, and betrayal. Also on our program: BROKEN — THE WOMEN'S PRISON AT HOHENECK, a moving animated evocation of East German prison life for women political prisoners. 12:30, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15

ED, APR 12 – TUES, APR 25

GLORY

DIRECTED BY KRISTINA GROZEVA AND PETAR VALCHANOV

BULGARIA / GREECE 2016 101 MINS IN BULGARIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES FILM MOVEMENT

Frank Capra by way of Bulgaria. When a disheveled railroad worker discovers fistfuls of money on some rural train tracks, he turns over the dough to the police. The grateful authorities reward him with a televised ceremony and a new wristwatch to replace his old one. But the glitzy new watch stops working and the smarmy, workaholic publicist for the Ministry of Transport can't seem to find his old one. The man's nonstop attempts to get his beloved old watch back wreak havoc on her efforts to use the heartwarming story of an honest good Samaritan to distract public attention from a burgeoning corruption scandal. A simple premise deepens into an incisive portrait of a bureaucracy riven with cynicism and a government happy to swallow its most idealistic citizens whole. From the directors, and starring the lead actors, of THE LESSON, which Film Forum opened in 2015. "A sharply executed, superbly performed Bulgarian tragic dramedy." — Jordan Mintzer, The Hollywood Reporter. 12:30, 2:40, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20







OBIT. PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY VANESSA GOULD USA 2016 94 MINS. KINO LORBER When New York Times writer Bruce Weber comes into the office, the first thing he says is: "Who's dead?" Times editor

William McDonald, Weber, Margalit Fox, William Grimes, Douglas Martin, Paul Vitello, and others appear on screen — very much alive — in Vanessa Gould's witty, eye-opening inside account of the "dead beat" — the Times's obituaries desk. According to Grimes, "dull, dry, responsible" copy was once the norm. Today, the paper's obits are among the best-written, most-read articles, and an ever-fascinating showcase for notable lives and achievements, from Nobel Prize winners to the inventor of the Slinky. Gould lets us in on more than a few secrets: how subjects are ultimately chosen, who merits star placement, who has an "advance obit" (there are 1700 on file, kept under lock and key), and how the Times maintains its vast archive. Sole morgue-keeper Jeff Roth gives us a breathless tour of the paper's century-old trove of clippings and photographs. 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20



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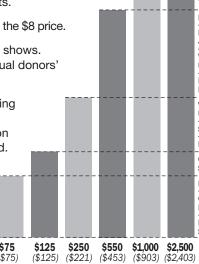
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