



SIFF-RENTON

Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center
May 23 – 29, 2013

Film Descriptions

Aayna Ka Bayna

In this kinetic mash-up of the *Step Up* films and the musical *Moulin Rouge*, nine Marathi Indian boys living in an oppressive juvenile home challenge their circumstances by banding together to enter a prominent dance competition. Explosive, innovative, and crowd-pleasing fun. US Premiere (d: Samit Kakkad c: Sachin Khedekar, Amruta Khanvilkar, Ganesh Yadav, Raqesh Vashisth, Vivek Chabuksvar, India 2012, 94 min) **8:30pm May 28**

Anita

Twenty years after a poised young law professor sent shock waves through the nation, Academy Award® winner Freida Lee Mock crystallizes the sexist power dynamics at play and unravels the impact of that lightning-rod moment on Anita Hill's life and the broader discussion of gender inequality in America. (d: Freida Mock, USA 2013, 84 min) **3:30pm May 26**

Another Woman's Face

After getting into a horrific car accident, a famous television anchor enlists her plastic surgeon husband to shape her into a new image in this hyper-stylized social satire that pays homage to the likes of Wilder and Almodóvar. (d: Pappi Corsicato c: Laura Chiatti, Alessandro Preziosi, Lino Guanciale, Iaia Forte, Italy 2012, 83 min) **6:30pm May 29**

Atraco!

Set in Franco-controlled 1955 Spain, this colorful and freewheeling true-life heist thriller follows a bevy of agents, criminals, and police officers in their attempts to get their hands on Eva Perón's famed jewels. (d: Eduard Cortes c: Guillermo Francella, Nicolás Cabré, Amaia Salamanca, Óscar Jaenada, Jordi Martínez, Spain/Argentina 2012, 116 min) **6:00pm May 24**

Before Snowfall

When his older sister Nermin flees an arranged marriage, Siyar tracks her from Kurdistan to Istanbul where a fateful encounter with a young girl creates cracks in his resolve. A dazzling drama that tackles notions of loyalty, dignity, honor, and love. (d: Hisham Zaman c: Taher Abdullah Taher, Suzan Ilir, Bahar Özen, Norway/Germany 2012, 105 min) **8:30pm May 26**

Brotherton Community Champions 5:00pm May 29

C.O.G.

This first film adaptation of David Sedaris' work is a funny and poignant portrait of a lost soul and the amusing characters he meets as he pursues his Steinbeckian dream—to spend his summer working on an apple farm in Oregon. (d: Kyle Patrick Alvarez c: Jonathan Groff, Denis O'Hare, Corey Stoll, Dean Stockwell, Casey Wilson, USA 2013, 87 min) **6:00pm May 27**

Cold War

After a high-tech police van and its passengers are hijacked off Hong Kong's gleaming streets, two Deputy Commissioners clash over how to handle the crisis. Tense, thrilling and sleekly lensed, *Cold War* offers a politically tinged cop drama that's suspenseful from start to finish. (d: Longman Leung, Sunny Luk c: Tony Leung Ka-fai, Aaron Kwok, Charlie Yeung, Lam Ka Tung Gordon, Kar Lok Chin, Hong Kong 2012, 102 min) **8:30pm May 29**

Dead Meat Walking - A Zombie Walk Documentary

The walking dead are among us in this exposé of real-life zombie walks, featuring event footage alongside interviews with participants, organizers, makeup artists, and celebrities (Tom Savini, Norman Reedus). North American Premiere (d: Omar J. Pineda c: USA 2013, 70 min) **8:30pm May 25**

The East

A corporate spy infiltrates an anarchist collective—and finds herself drawn to their charismatic leader—in this suspense-filled espionage thriller from Zal Batmanglij and Brit Marling. (d: Zal Batmanglij c: Brit Marling, Alexander Skarsgård, Ellen Page, Toby Kebbell, Shiloh Fernandez, Patricia Clarkson, Julia Ormond, USA 2013, 116 min) **8:30pm May 24**

Full Circle

A group of irrepressible senior citizens living in a nursing home in China experience renewed, youthful energy when they decide to compete in a televised acting and variety show competition. (d: Zhang Yang c: Huanshan Xu, Tianming Wu, Li Bin, Bingyan Yan, China 2012, 104 min) **6:00pm May 28**

Imagine

In this remarkable and captivating film, a young blind man who can envision the landscape through which he walks takes a similarly afflicted woman under his wing, and they venture into the beautiful (and perilous) streets of Lisbon. (d: Andrzej Jakimowski c: Edward Hogg, Alexandra Maria Lara, Poland/France, Portugal 2012, 105 min) **6:00pm May 26**

Moon Man

With touches of *A Cat in Paris* and the films of Sylvain Chomet (*The Illusionist*, *The Triplets of Belleville*), and based on a book by Tomi Ungerer, this man in the moon will delight all ages. (d: Stephan Schesch c: Germany/France, United Kingdom 2012, 95 min) **1:00pm May 25**

Northwest

In this compelling neorealist Danish thriller, small-time burglar Casper attempts upward mobility within the Copenhagen crime world, only to ignite a violent turf war. (d: Michael Noer c: Gustav Dyekjær Giese, Oscar Dyekjær Giese, Nicholas Westwood Kidd, Roland Møller, Lene Maria Christensen, Denmark 2013, 100 min) **8:30pm May 27**

The Pardon

Bridging narrative simplicity and emotional depth, first-time Rwandan filmmaker Joel Karekezi showcases friends who find themselves on opposing sides of the Rwandan genocide. Years later, they must navigate their horrific past toward an emotional future. (d: Joel Karekezi c: Wilson Egessa, Okuyo Joel Atiku Prynce, Rehema Nanfuka, Rwanda 2013, 73 min) **3:30pm May 27**

Sand Fishers

Having lost their jobs due to climate change and overfishing, a group of fishermen have been dubbed Sand Fishers, and now harvest wet compact sand and gravel from the bottom of waterways for use by the construction industry. (d: Samouté Andrey Diarra c: Mali/France 2012, 72 min) **1:00pm May 26**

Touchy Feely – Opening Night!

A massage therapist is stricken with a sudden aversion to bodily contact while her emotionally distant brother finds he can give his dental patients a healing touch in this amusing exploration surrounding the foibles of human nature. (d: Lynn Shelton c: Rosemarie DeWitt, Allison Janney, Ron Livingston, Scoot McNairy, Ellen Page, USA 2013, 88 min) **7:00pm May 23**

The Trials of Muhammad Ali

Brash boxer Cassius Clay aka Muhammad Ali burst into the American consciousness in the early 1960s, just ahead of the Civil Rights movement. This film reveals the perfect storm of race, religion and politics that shaped one of the most recognizable figures in sports history. (d: Bill Siegel c: USA 2013, 92 min) **3:30 PM May 25**

Two Weddings and a Funeral

Hoping to avoid the shame and scorn of their traditional families, gay man Min-soo and his lesbian co-worker Hyo-jin decide to tie the knot in this uproarious and flamboyant comedy. (d: Kimjho Gwan-soo, Gwan-soo c: Kim Dong-yun, Ryoo Hyoun-kyoun, Song Yong-jin, Jung Ae-youn, South Korea 2012, 108 min) **1:00pm May 27**

Yellow

A young substitute teacher escapes from her drudging everyday life by fantasizing bizarre parallel realities, in this wildly inventive and visually dazzling head-trip from director Nick Cassavetes. (d: Nick Cassavetes c: Heather Wahlquist, Sienna Miller, Gena Rowlands, Ray Liotta, David Morse, Lucy Punch, Max Theoriot, Riley Keough, Daveigh Chase, Melanie Griffith, USA 2012, 105 min) **6:00pm May 25**