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Showtime: 8PM
Free refreshments after the show.

Location: Battelle Auditorium
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Tickets: Adults \$3
Series passes \$13 (\$10 for BSA members)

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March 14

The Business of Fancydancing



USA, 2002, Color, 103 min.
Language: English
Rating: Not Rated
Direction: Sherman Alexie
Cast: Gene Tagaban, Evans Adams, Michelle St. John
Official Fallsapart.com
website:
Links: [Internet Movie Database](#)
[Articles, interviews, trailers](#)
Reviews: [Metroweekly](#)
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Seymour Polatkin left the Spokane Reservation for Seattle, as did his best friend, Aristotle Joseph. Sixteen years later, Seymour is a successful Indian poet, while Aristotle had quite a different experience in the 'white' world. They meet up again when Seymour returns to the reservation to attend the funeral of a dear friend. Expect secrets, tension and conflict as Seymour confronts his past. Based on the writer/director Sherman Alexie's book of poetry of the same name.

In his poetry collection *The First Indian on the Moon*, Alexie writes, "I have no words which can save our lives, no words approaching forgiveness, no words flashed across the screen at the reservation drive-in, no words promising either of us top billing. Extras . . . we're all extras."



March 28

The Miracle of Morgan's Creek



USA, 1944, B&W, 99 min.
Rating: Not rated
Direction: Preston Sturges/p>
Cast: Eddie Bracken, Betty Hutton, Diana Lynn, William Demarest
Website: None
Reviews: [Internet Movie Database](#)



April 11

The Color of Paradise



Iran, 1999, color, 90 min
Rating: PG
Language: Farsi, with English subtitles
Direction: Majid Majidi
Cast: Hossein Mahjoub, Mohsen Ramezani, Salime Feizi, Farahnaz Safari, Elham Sharifi
Trailer: [Internet Movie Database](#)
Official [Sony Classics](#)
website:

About the [Sony Classics](#)
director:

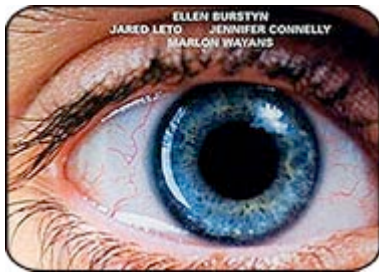
Reviews: [Internet Movie Database](#)
[Other reviews](#)

Mohammad is a young blind boy whose loving nature makes him immediately appealing. However, when he returns from his residential school for the blind to spend a three month break with his family, he presents unwelcome difficulties for his father, who is not anxious to see him. While his grandmother and sisters love Mohammad for who he is, his father, a widower, fears that having the boy around will interfere with his plans to find a new wife. Mohammad's father apprentices his son to a carpenter to get him out of the picture, but everything does not go as planned. Young Mohsen Ramezani turns in an award-winning performance, and the cinematography is stunning.



April 25

Requiem for a Dream



USA, 2000, color, 102 min.

Rating: R, for intense depiction of drug addiction, graphic sexuality, strong language and some violence.

Direction: Darren Aronofsky

Cast: Ellen Burstyn, Jared Leto, Jennifer Connelly

Reviews: [Internet movie database](#)

Requiem for a Dream is an unflinching look at the horrors of addiction. Sara is an aging woman who turns to barbituates because she needs to lose a little weight before she can fit into her red dress. While she's popping pills, her son Harry feeds his heroin habit and acts more and more depraved in order to get high. Harry's girlfriend Marion, also an addict, shocks herself (and the audience) as her behavior becomes increasingly disturbed. This is a hauntingly powerful film. Not for the faint of heart.



May 9

Spirited Away



Japan, 2001, color animation, 125 min.

Rating: PG, for some scary moments

Language: English

Direction: Hayao Miyazaki

Website: [BV Entertainment](#)

Reviews: [Internet Movie Database](#)

Trailer: [Apple.com](#)

Anime has a new hero. Chihiro is an adventurous little girl who must save her parents from some interesting spirits. With the help of a mysterious boy named Haku, she takes a job working at a resort for weary spirits. Chichiro searches for a way to break the spell the spirits put on her parents, but strange characters and illogical actions make for a confusing journey through this beautifully-animated world.

Memorable quote: "There. Your body matches your brain."
Zeniba (after turning Boh into a mouse).



May 30

Pauline & Paulette



France/Belgium/Netherlands, 2000, color, 71 min

Rating: PG, for brief language

Language: Flemish and French with English subtitles

Direction: Lieven Debrauwer

Cast: Dora van der Groen, Ann Petersen, Rosemarie Bergmans, Julienne De Bruyn

Reviews: [Internet Movie Database](#)
[Links to reviews](#)
[Washington Post](#)

Trailer: [Apple.com](#)

This beguiling Belgian fable of elderly spinster sisters, one of whom, Pauline, has never progressed beyond the mental age of four, raises questions about family obligations in providing long-term care for those with a mental disability. When the film opens, Pauline is living happily with her sister Martha, while Paulette owns an over-the-top boutique and Cecile lives a comfortable life in Brussels. When Martha dies, her will stipulates that Paulette and Cecile will receive nothing unless they provide for Pauline. Pauline moves in with Paulette, with amusing consequences and gentle digs at Belgian bourgeois pretension.



June 13

Elling



Norway, 2001, color, 98 min.

Rating: R

Language: Norwegian with English subtitles

Direction: Petter Naess

Cast: Per Christian Ellefsen, Sven Nordin, Marit Pia Jacobsen

Official <http://www.elling.nu/>
website:

Reviews: [Internet Movie Database](#)

Elling is an agoraphobic with a poet's heart, while Kjell is a lunk of a guy looking for female companionship. When they're released from the mental institution where they have been incarcerated, they rent an apartment in the city and begin learning what it's like to live in the 'real world'. Initially puzzled by even simple tasks, they eventually triumph and take bold steps toward independent living, while humor and unexpected friendships develop. Nominated for an Oscar and winner of Seattle Film Festival's Best Film award in 2002.



June 27

Joint Security Area



"Gongdong gyeongbi guyeok"
South Korea, 2000, color, 110 min.

Rating: Not rated

Language: Korean with English subtitles

Direction: Chan-wook Park

Cast: Yeong-ae Lee, Byung-hun Lee, Kang-hoo Song

Official [Myung Film Co.](#) (in Korean)
website:

Reviews: [Internet Movie Database](#)

Set in the present day. (The Joint Security Area is the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea, at the 38th Parallel.) Shooting breaks out in the truce village of Panmunjom, leaving two North Korean soldiers dead. With North and South holding widely-diverging views of what happened, the two countries agree to have a neutral Swiss officer conduct an inquiry. Her investigation leads her past a string of falso testimony to uncover a secret friendship that existed across the border.

"To watch Korean movies is to watch a national culture bar-brawl with itself, and fight dirty every step of the way. There may not be a more intensely-conflicted nation making significant movies now. . .The hostile North/South division--red vs. running dog--persists, long after China has let loose the hounds of commerce. The vestiges of the civil war remain in palpable form, while the twin nations gear up for a reunion neither seems altogether prepared for." Michael Atkinson in *The Village Voice*. [Read the entire review.](#)



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