

Winner of the Golden Lion, the top prize at the 1951 Venice Film Festival, and recipient of an honorary Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, Rashomon introduced Western filmgoers to the sensuous and intellectual pleasures of Japanese cinema, and turned forty-year-old Akira Kurosawa into an international sensation. A prescient mediation on the ephemerality of truth and the malleability of memory, Rashomon's ingenious, multi-layered plot concerns the trial of the notorious bandit Tajomaru (Toshiro Mifune), who stands accused of murdering a samurai and raping his wife. Over the course of the film, four witnesses testify, each providing a different account of the crime and identifying a different killer. Inspired by the heightened, expressionistic aesthetic of Japanese silent film, Kurosawa makes symbolic use of light and shadow, creating beautiful sun-dappled compositions that serve as a visual corollary to the philosophical ambiguity at the heart of the narrative. Director Akira Kurosawa 1950 Japan 88 minutes NR 2K DCP



Set in sixteenth century Japan, during an era of endless civil war, a group of rice farmers recruit seven masterless samurai to protect their lands from invading bandits. Included among the ronin are Kambei (Takashi Shimura)-their altruistic leader-and the volatile Kikuchiyo, a comedic figure played by the iconic Toshirō Mifune. The epic Seven Samurai was an immediate worldwide success—both critically and commercially—and soon inspired countless imitations, beginning with its famed American remake, The Magnificent Seven. In the years since, director Akira Kurosawa's breathtakingly kinetic, humanistic masterwork has only grown in reputation, becoming a mainstay on best films of all-time lists, and developing a fanatical following among generation after generation of movie-lovers. Museum Films is proud to be screening this action-adventure landmark on 35mm film. Director Akira Kurosawa 1954 Japan 207 minutes NR 35mm

Friday, March 24 | 8:30 pm

Saturday, April 1 | 5:30 pm

In one of the finest, most richly cinematic Shakespearian adaptations ever committed to film, Akira Kurosawa transposes Macbeth-

the Bard's tragic tale of murderous ambition-to feudal Japan. Drawing aesthetic inspiration from the Noh Theater, Kurosawa makes

masterful use of sound and silence, rendering the play's supernatural elements with an eerie grace. Freely mixing sublime naturalism

and overt theatricality, the film juxtaposes stark, stylized palace interiors against portentous fog-shrouded landscapes, where every

performance in the lead role. Brimming with intellect and intensity, he telegraphs the fatal combination of stalwart honor and barely

suppressed wrath that leads tragic heroes to their untimely doom. It is our sincere pleasure to present Throne of Blood on 35mm

birdcall and lightning strike is the bearer of prophetic meaning. Throne of Blood is further elevated by Toshirō Mifune's blistering

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THRONE OF BLOOD

Director Akira Kurosawa 1957 Japan 110 minutes NR 35mm

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In the 1930s, the Japanese cinema experienced one of the art-form's richest golden ages, with a period that saw extraordinary formal experimentation of a kind that has rarely been surpassed anywhere in the decades since. The pinnacle of this incredible achievement might just be Kenji Mizoguchi's The Story of the Last Chrysanthemum, a boundlessly tragic melodrama set within the late-nineteenth-century world of Kabuki Theater. Mizoguchi's innovative depth-staging and elegant camera movements take us backstage, into a fascinating theatrical environment rarely glimpsed on screen, while also revealing a world in which women inevitably sacrifice everything for the dreams of men. Though Mizoguchi would perfect his long-take visual style in the years following World War II, he would never again match the pure formal audacity of this newly restored 1939 masterpiece. Director Kenji Mizoguchi 1939 Japan 143 minutes NB 4K DCP



Rarely screened and still unavailable on home video, Kenji Mizoguchi's aesthetically ravishing Utamaro and his Five Women was one o a handful of historical dramas produced under the American occupation of Japan following WWII. A lyrical, episodic biography of maste Japanese woodblock painter and central "Floating World" figure Kitagawa Utamaro, the film is structured around the artist's relationships with five of his female models. One of Mizoguchi's most intimate, personal films, Utamaro and His Five Women is a luminous, wonderfully sensual evocation of the tumultuous relationship between inspiration and desire, and a trenchant critique of both artistic censorship and the subordinate position of women in Japanese society. Providing fascinating insights into the artistic and cultural dimensions of traditional, 18th-century Japanese painting, Utamaro and His Five Women is an ideal cinematic counterpart to After the Floating World: The Enduring Art of Japanese Woodblock Prints, currently on view at OKCMOA. Museum Films is thrilled to host a special, one-time presentation of Utamaro and His Five Women on 35mm. Director Director Kenji Mizoguchi 1946 Japan 106 minutes NR 35mm



Against the wishes of their wives, potter Genjurō (Masayuki Mori) and farmer Tōbei leave their homes to seek their fortunes in the city. Experiencing immediate success, Genjuro commits himself to the ceaseless pursuit of wealth, while Tobei dreams of becoming a great samurai. The desires of both will lead to their ruin-and to great suffering for their wives. Generally regarded as director Kenji Mizoguchi's masterpiece - and one of the films, along with Aashomon, that first helped popularize the Japanese cinema in the West-Ugetsu is a jidaigeki (historical drama) ghost story that lyrically blends the real and otherworldly in a series of ethereally beautiful spaces, from the fog-covered lake where the two men encounter a portentous fellow traveler to the mysterious mansion in which Genjurō is seduced by a beautiful noblewoman, played by Rashomon's Machiko Kyō. Ugetsu, as much as any other film, shows what cinema is capable of as a narrative art form. Director Kenji Mizoguchi 1953 Japan 97 minutes NR 4K DCF



Vaking its long-awaited American debut in select theaters, Studio Ghibli's Ocean Waves follows high-school student Taku and his best friend Yukata as they find their relationship and their dreams for the future transformed by the arrival of beautiful, mercurial transfer-student, Rikako Leading a team of Ghibli's youngest animators, thirty-five-year-old director Tomomi Mochizuki has crafted a poignant coming-of-age story that marks a subtle departure from the house style established by Studio Ghibli founders Hayao Miyazaki (Spirited Away) and Isao Takahata (Only Yesterday), while ably upholding their deep commitment to the craft of animation and the art of storytelling. Rendered in soft, finely detailed watercolor pastels, Ocean Waves captures the luminous texture of memory and the ephemeral, yet life-defining experience of first love. Ocean Waves will be preceded by the short film, Ghiblies: Episode 2, a surreal, funny, and beautifully animated glimpse into the lives and loves of Studio Ghibli employees. Director Tomomi Mochizuki 1993 Japan 76 minutes PG-13 (for some thematic material) DCP



Akira Kurosawa's greatest commercial success in his native Japan, Yojimbo was later remade by Sergio Leone as A Fistful Dollars (1964)-the film that launched the Italian Spaghetti-Western subgenre. A blackly comic, irresistibly cool synthesis of Eastern and Nestern influences, Yojimbo follows a dissolute wandering samurai who finds himself in the midst of an escalating feud between two rival gangs. Playing one group against the other, the cynical Sanjuro (Toshirō Mifune) quickly turns their greed to his own advantage. Making masterful use of the wide-screen format, Kurosawa creates bold, kinetic black-and-white compositions that lend this 19th century jidaigeki (historical drama) a modern pop-art feel. Yojimbo features an iconic performance from the great Mifune: radiating glowering good-humor and off-kilter charm, his Saniuro is one of cinema's most charismatic antiheroes. Museum Films is pleased to present a special, one-night-only screening of Yojimbo on 35mm. Director Akira Kurosawa 1961 Japan 100 minutes NR 35mr



Among the supreme achievements of director Kenji Mizoguchi's late period, Sansho the Bailiff tells the harrowing story of two highborn children, Zushiö and Anju, who are sold into slavery in twelfth-century Japan after their idealistic father disobeys a feudal lord. This same act of conscience will eventually lead his wife (Ugestsu's Kinuyo Tanaka) into a life of forced prostitution – a tragic misfortune she shares with many of the filmmaker's heroines. Perhaps the most religiously Buddhist of Mizoguchi's films, Sansho the Bailiff is also one of his most visually remarkable – distinguished by magisterial camera movements and seamless transitions that beide areas in the best remained with the termore and the most heroitical error is the same film. that bridge gaps in space and time, lustrous black-and-white photography, and some of the most beautiful compositions in the history of the medium. Museum Films is very proud to screen this masterpiece of world cinema in its original 35mm format Director Kenji Mizoguchi 1954 Japan 124 minutes NR 35mm





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A 2017 Academy Award® nominee for Best Documentary Feature, Raoul Peck's / Am Not Your Nearo knits together fragments from James Baldwin's unfinished novel Remember This House, in order to fashion a powerful, elegant, and timely chronicle of black American history. Building his narrative around the assassinations of Medgar Evers, Martin Luther King, and Malcolm X, Baldwin hoped that when taken together, their stories would resonate against one another, revealing buried truths about the past, present, and future of African-American life. Adopting a similar rhetorical strategy, Peck juxtaposes Baldwin's lyrical prose-read by Samuel L. Jacksonagainst archival footage and photographs drawn from the Civil Rights era. Classical Hollywood films, and recent marches and protests Grounded in Baldwin's singular voice and Peck's assured direction, the picture that emerges is at once prophetic and personal, radical and introspective, resigned and hopeful—a vision of a country that has come a long way and has a long way left to go. **Director** Raoul Peck 2016 USA/France 95 minutes PG-13 (for disturbing violent images, thematic material, language and brief nudity) DCP

A 2017 Academy Award® nominee for Best Foreign Language Film, Toni Erdmann is easily the most critically acclaimed motion picture of Winfried (Peter Simonischek) and his far more seriously minded corporate daughter lines (Sandra Hüller) see very little of each other—and when they do, they rarely see eve-to-eve. When he arrives unannounced in Bucharest, where she works as a strategist, father and daughte soon agree that Winfred should return home to Germany. Enter Toni Erdmann, Winfried's smooth-taking alter ego with a bizarre black wig. and even stranger false teeth. Maren Ade's (The Forest for the Trees, Everyone Else) third feature is something of a miracle, a nearly three hour art-house comedy that combines every comedic form imaginable, from corny pranks and Farrelly Brothers-style gross-out gags to epic cringe comedy and the most memorable rendition of a Whitney Houston classic in film history. Director Maren Ade 2016 Germany. Austria/Romania 162 minutes R (for strong sexual content, graphic nudity, language and brief drug use) DCP

After premiering to rave reviews at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival, Claude Barras's poignant, stop-motion animated film went on to earr Golden Globe and Academy Award® nominations for Best Animated Feature. *My Life as a Zucchini* follows nine-year-old Courgette (Zucchini), who—after the accidental death of his alcoholic single mother—is placed in a foster home, where he meets the rambunctious (*Girlhood, Being 17*), and featuring wonderfully naturalistic vocal performances from its young cast, *My Life as a Zucchini's* light-hearted, yet refreshingly forthright representation of serious social issues recalls classic coming-of-age films like Francois Truffaut's *The 400* Blows. Carefully crafted using traditional stop-motion techniques, the film envisions a bright, tactile, subtly expressive world that moves gracefully between fantasy and reality. Director Claude Barras 2016 Switzerland/France 70 minutes PG-13 for thematic elements and suggestive material) DCF





The remarkable first feature from Maren Ade—director of the universally-acclaimed, Academy-Award®-nominated comedy Toni Erdmann and the brilliant, bracing relationship comedy-drama Everyone Else (2009)—The Forest for the Trees tells the story of Melanie Pröschle, an idealistic young teacher who dreams of professional glory, while simultaneously alienating her colleage and neighbors with her stunning lack of social graces. Anchored by a fearless, multi-faceted performance from Eva Löbau as Melanie, *The Forest for the Trees* is an inspired work of art-house cringe-comedy that is one part devastating character study, and one part rueful cautionary tale. Produced when she was only twenty-seven years-old, Ade's measured, preternaturally assured debut-which earned her a Special Jury Prize at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival-is the work of a filmmaker with a fully formed worldview and a singular aesthetic vision. **Director** Maren Ade 2003 Germany 81 minutes NR 35mm

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A quietly audacious and utterly assured work of independent slow-cinema by prodigious thirty-eight-year-old director Ryusuke Hamaguchi, *Happy Hour* follows four thirty-something female friends—a nurse, an event planner, and two homemakers—as they navigate their busy professional and domestic lives in and around Kobe, Japan. When one member of the group reveals that she is seeking a divorce, the other three women are prompted to reevaluate their own goals and desires. Luxuriating in its five-hour running ime, *Happy Hour* trains its unhurried gaze on the quotidian details of female existence that commercial cinema tends to minimize or elide. Buoyed by remarkable performances from its four leads-non-professional actresses discovered at an improvisational theater workshop—who shared the Best Actress prize at the 2015 Locaron Film Festival, *Happy Hour* crafts complex, fully-realized characters and nuanced relationships, building to a slow-burn melodramatic climax that is riveting, satisfying, and ultimately profound. **Director** Ryusuke Hamaguchi 2015 Japan 317 minutes NR DCP



Named for the cat-suited anti-heroine of Louis Feullade's 1915 crime serial *Les Vampires*, Olivier Assayas's delirious behind-thescenes satire follows a fading French New Wave-era director—Jean-Pierre Léaud (*The 400 Blows, The Death of Louis XIV*)—as he attempts a contemporary remake of Feullade's masterpiece, with Hong Kong icon Maggie Cheung (*In the Mood for Love*) in the lead role. Dressed from head-to-toe in black latex and unable to speak a word of French, Cheung—who plays herself—floats from one surreal situation to the next as the doomed production implodes around her. With jagged, propulsive editing driven by the music of Sonic Youth and Luna, Assayas's boldly experimental treatise on the globalization of the French film industry is punk cinema at its most elegant. An unabashedly fetishistic celebration of film in every sense of the word, *Irma Vep* deserves to be seen on 35mm. **Director** Olivier Assayas 1996 France 99 minutes NR 35mm



Co-recipient of the Best Director prize at last year's Cannes International Film Festival, Olivier Assayas, the internationally acclaimed auteur of *Irma Vep* and *Clouds of Sils Maria*, returns with this ethereal ghost story set in modern-day Paris. Kristen Stewart (*Twilight*) stars as Maureen Cartwright, an American working as a high-fashion personal shopper to an especially demanding celebrity. Stewart's Maureen is haunted by both the memory and presence of her dead twin brother, with whom she repeatedly aims to make contact. Assayas expertly guides his supernaturally themed thriller through a series of tonal shifts, while Stewart, following on the promise of her supporting turn in *Clouds of Sils Maria*, reaffirms her stature as one of the finest actors of her under-thirty generation. **Director** Olivier Assayas 2016 France/Germany 110 minutes R (for some language, sexuality, nudity and a bloody violent image) DCP



The "quintessential cult-movie of the past 20 years," twenty-six year-old Richard Kelly's paranoid, dreamlike debut-feature found only modest success in its limited fall 2001 release. But over time, growing word-of-mouth and a passionate following among young cinephiles turned the film into a midnight-movie sensation that ran for two consecutive years at New York's Pioneer Theater. Invoking his late-80s suburban setting with a mixture of erudite pop-culture nostalgia and free-floating Lynchian dread, Kelly weaves an enigmatic tale of falling jet engines, man-sized rabbits, and quantum wormholes. Struggling to make sense of it all is teenage antihero Donnie Darko (Jake Gyllenhaal), who may be a homicidal lunatic, a dead man, a time-travelling messiah, or some combination of the three. Backed by a note-perfect new-wave soundtrack, featuring Echo & the Bunnymen and Tears for Fears, *Donnie Darko* in pristine 4K. **Director** Richard Kelly 2001 United States 113 minutes R (for language, some drug use and violence) 4K DCP

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In a small German town, just after the end of WWI, a young woman mourning her fallen fiancé sees an unfamiliar man place a bouquet of flowers on his grave. In attempting to uncover the mysterious Frenchman's identity, Anna discovers her own capacity for resilience and learns important lessons about the complex relationship between love and honesty. Loosely inspired by Ernst Lubitsch's classic anti-war melodrama *Broken Lullaby* (1932), *Frantz* paints an illuminating and affecting portrait of life in post-war Europe, where nationalist hostilities and fresh memories of trauma and loss simmer just under the surface of everyday life. Mirroring form and content, Ozon embellishes his artfully composed black-and-white film with brief color sequences that poignantly underscor his characters' deferred dreams and repressed longings. *Frantz* is further distinguished by a captivating performance by Paula Beer recipient of the Best Young Actress prize at the 2016 Venice Film Festival. **Director** François Ozon 2016 France/Germany 113 minutes PG-13 (for thematic elements including brief war violence) DCP

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Versailles, August 1715: Returning from a hunting expedition, King Louis XIV of France begins to feel a pain in his leg. Soon, this malady reveals itself to be gangrene, which will ultimately prove to be the cause of death for Europe's most powerful monarch. Starring aged French New Wave icon Jean-Pierre Léaud (*The 400 Blows, Irma Vep*)—French cinema royalty—as the perishing Sun King, Catalan filmmaker Albert Serra's exquisitely photographed *The Death of Louis XIV* consistently limits the monarch's world to the dimensions of his bedroom, where he is waited upon by a horde of doctors and his closest confidants. Saturated with precise period detail, Serra's astonishing exposition of human mortality was rightfully described by *Sight and Sound*'s Jonathan Romney as "the most beautiful film at Cannes 2016." **Director** Albert Serra 2016 Portugal/France/Spain 115 minutes NR DCP



Cézanne et Moi explores the dramatic real-life friendship between two of nineteenth century France's greatest artists, painter Paul Cézanne and writer Émile Zola. The impoverished Zola and wealthy Cézanne first meet as thirteen-year-olds in Aix-en-Provence in the South of France. They share everything, something that will continue into their early bohemian adulthood in Paris. Eventually the more timid Zola (Guillaume Canet) wil eclipse his friend Cézanne (Guillaume Galiléenne), gaining far greater fame, and even marrying Cézanne's former model and lover, Alexandrine (Alice Pol). However, it will be one Zola's novels, *L'Œuvre*, which the great Post-Impressionist will consider the more serious betrayal. *Cézanne et Moi* is filled with vivid historical detail and a wonderful sense of the sun-soaked southern landscapes that Cézanne memorialized in his extraordinary work. **Director** Danièle Thompson 2016 France 117 minutes R (for language, sexual references and nudity) DCP