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Repertory cinema listings are comprehensive and appear alphabetically by venue, then by date. Other films are listed by date.

● Critics' pick (highly recommended)

How to place a listing

All listings are free. Send to: movies@nowtoronto.com, fax to 416-364-1166 or mail to Rep Cinemas, NOW Magazine, 189 Church, Toronto M5B 1Y7. Include film title, year of release, names of director(s) and actors, language and subtitle info, venue, address, time, cost and advance ticket sales if any, phone number for reservations/info or website address. Deadline is the Thursday before publication at 5 pm.

FESTIVALS

PLANET IN FOCUS FILM FESTIVAL

ROYAL CINEMA, 608 COLLEGE (RC); INNIS TOWN HALL AND ROOM 222, 2 SUSSEX (IT & IT2); GARDINER MUSEUM, 111 QUEEN'S PARK (GM); BATA SHOE MUSEUM, 327 BLOOR W (BS); ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, 100 QUEEN'S PARK (ROM). 416-531-4689, PLANETFOCUS.ORG.

THU 24-SUN 26—International environmental film and video festival. \$10, stu/srs \$8, child under 12 \$5; closing night gala \$15; festival pass \$100.

THU 23—Michael Schmidt: Organic Hero Or Bioterrorist (2008) D: Norman Lofts, followed by a panel discussion about agribusiness. 7 pm (ROM). Peace With Seals (2007) D: Miroslov Novak, and short film Peter And Ben. 7 pm (IT). Canadian Shorts: Next Floor (2008) D: Denis Villeneuve, City Of Blind Alchemists (2006) D: Ruben Guzman, and others. 9 pm (IT). Chasing Wild Horses (2008) D: Matt Tre-cartin, and Driven By Vision (2008) D: Michael McNamara. 9:30 pm (ROM).

FRI 24—Death In The Forest (2007) D: Gordon McLennan, and The Falldown (2008) D: Ben Graeme. 3 pm (IT). Being Innu (2007) D: Catherine Mullins. 5 pm (IT2). Fields Of Fuel (2008) D: Josh Tickell. 5 pm (IT). A Massacre Foretold (2007) D: Nick Higgins, and short films Terra Sacer and Eviction. 7 pm (IT). Tableland (2008) D: Craig Noble, and Birth Of The Smoked Meat (2006). 7 pm (GM). Waste = Food (2007) D: Rob van Hattum, My Inventions (2008) D: Robert Holbrook, and Raising The Green Roof (2008) D: David Drainie Taylor. 7 pm (IT2). Addicted To Plastic. 7 pm (RC). Paradise—Three Journeys In This World (2007) D: Elina Hirvonen, and The

Lots of green on these screens

PLANET IN FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL to October 26. For times and venues, see listings, this page. planetinfocus.org.

The Planet In Focus Film Festival centres on the health and social well-being of our planet. This year the spotlight is on food, but there are lots of non-gastronomic flicks, too, like Canadian entries Addicted To Plastic and Return To Nepal.

Addicted To Plastic (October 24, Rating: NNNN), directed and narrated by Ian Connacher, is the record of a two-year odyssey to discover where plastic comes from and what happens when we're done with it.

The film spends too much time on inconsequential scenes (Legoland in Denmark, California beaches) and could go farther into Canadian solutions. Only government regulation and investment in R&D will break our over-dependence on the stuff. The Danes force Coca-Cola to reuse its plastic bottles. Why can't we?

But give the film full marks for profiling the ingenuity of those who won't wait for the law to catch up. Shooting on video with heavy use of a fish-eye lens, Connacher interviews people the world over

and short films The Right To Survive—Turtle Conservation And Fisheries Livelihoods and Where Do They Go? 1 pm (IT2). Children's Program II: Global Food: Once Upon A French Fry. 1 pm (BS). Shorts Program sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute: The Poet Of Grappa (2006) D: Stefano Scarafia, Slow Food (2008) D: Vanja Ohna, and others. 1 pm (IT). The Last Nomads (2008) D: Andrew Craig, and short films Silent Snow and Journey To The Forest. 3 pm (ROM). Roaming Around (2007) D: Brigitte Bertele, On Relations (2007) D: Jorge Acebo, and Scavenging Dreams (2008). 3 pm (IT). Alchemy (2007) D: Eva Bakkeslett, Greina (2006) D: Villi Hermann, and Breadmakers (2007) D: Yasmin Fedda. 3 pm (GM). Eternal Mash (2007) D: Catherine van Campen, Gimme Green (2006) D: Isaac Brown and Eric Flagg, and Intestines Of The Earth (2006) D: Barbier Olivier. 5 pm (ROM). Soldiers Of Peace (2008) D: Timothy Wise, and Flowers Of Rwanda (2008) D: David Munoz. 5 pm (IT). Today The Hawk Takes One Chick (2008) D: Jane Gilloly. 5 pm (IT2). Fate Of The Lhapa (2007) D: Sarah Sifers, and short films One Of The Last and We Belong To This Country. 7 pm (IT2). Journey Of A Red Fridge (2007) D: Natasa Muntean and Lucian Muntean, and Return To Nepal (2008) D: Robert Lang. 7 pm (ROM). Fighting Goliath—Texas Coal Wars (2007) D: Mat Hames, and short film Showdown At The Top Of The World. 7 pm (IT). Scarred Lands And Wounded Lives: The Environmental Impact Of War (2008) D: Alice T Days and Lincoln H Days. 9 pm (IT). Strange Homeland (2007) D: Jens Schnaese. 9:30 pm (ROM).

SAT 25—Children's Program I: Descendants, Continent Of The Whale, and others. 10 am (BS). Sounds Of The Seas (2008) D: Volker Barth. 11 am (ROM). Tales Of A Yellow Bike (2008) D: Tina Hahn. 11 am (IT). About Water (2007) D: Udo Maurer. 1 pm (ROM). The Squid Daddy's Labour Room (2007) D: Ke Chin Yuan,



The inspiring Return To Nepal receives its world premiere at Planet In Focus.

who reuse, recycle or reformat this indestructible and essential material.

While Connacher circled the globe, musician Bruce Cockburn focuses on one wee country in Return To Nepal (October 25, Rating: NNN). Twenty years ago he visited the tiny nation lodged between China and India; now he returns to see what's changed.

Also shot on video, it's full of gorgeous shots of the Himalayas and, of course, Cockburn's music on the soundtrack. Although the singer's known as much for his interest in social causes as for his art, he always

comes off as reserved and seems an odd choice to anchor a film about cultural outreach.

The film, directed by Robert Lang, ends with a surprising notion. Modernity is encroaching on this rural society, and the conventional assumption is that its culture will be swallowed in that process. But Cockburn suggests that Hindu- and Buddhist-based Nepalese values might instead change the societies that encounter them for the better. This thought provides an uplifting finish for the musician's literally breathtaking journey. **DEIRDRE SWAIN**

Tristan Loraine. 1 pm (ROM). Greens Sprouts/YCA 2008 screenings of films by youth. 1 pm (BS). 49 Words For Snow (2007) D: Yorgos Avgeropoulos, and Ma'rib (2008) D: Rainer Komers. 3 pm (ROM). Ralco, A Bad Business (2008), and Alethea (2007) D: Petra Holzer and Ethem Ozguven. 3 pm (IT). Slum Survivors (2007) D: David Gough, and This Much I Know (2008) D: Bridget Hanna. 3 pm (IT2). Greens Sprouts/YCA 2008 screenings of films made by youth. 3 pm (BS). Digital Cemeteries (2007) D: Yorgos Avgeropoulos and The Green Dragon (2008) D: Caroline Harrison. 5 pm (IT). The Hunger Season (2008) D: Beadie Finzi, and Farms Without Farmers (2008). 5 pm (ROM). Are There Still Any Shepherds? (2006) D: Jorge Pelicano, and Diet Leibovich (2005) D: Avishag Leibovich. 7:30 pm (ROM).

TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL

BLOOR CINEMA, 506 BLOOR W. 416-967-1528, TORONTOAFTERDARK.COM.

THU 23-FRI 24—International horror and fantasy films. \$12, stu \$10; closing galas \$13-\$15; six-pack \$54, VIP pass \$119.

THU 23—Tokyo Gore Police (2008) D: Yoshihiro Nishimura w/ Eihi Shiina, Itsuji Itao. Japanese w/s-t. 7 pm. Home Movie (2008) D: Christopher Denham w/ Adrian Pasdar, Cady McClain. 9:45 pm.

FRI 24—Closing gala: I Sell The Dead (2008) D: Glenn McQuaid w/ Dominic Monaghan, Ron Perlman. 7 pm.

TORONTO ISRAEL FILM FESTIVAL

SHEPPARD GRANDE CINEMA, 4861 YONGE. 416-364-9973, ISRAELFILMFESTIVAL.CA.

SUN 26-OCT 30—A look at Israel and its people through film. \$13, pass \$65. Films in original languages w/s-t.

SUN 26—The Band's Visit (2007) D: Eran Kolirin w/ Sasson Gabai, Ronit Elkabetz. 6:30 pm. The Secrets (2007) D: Avi Neshet w/ Fanny Ardant, Adir Miller. 9 pm.

MON 27—Beaufort (2007) D: Joseph Cedar w/ Oshri Cohen, Daniel Brook. 6:30 pm. Noodle (2007) D: Ayelet Menahemi w/ Mili Avital, Chen Bao Qi. 9:30 pm.

TUE 28—The Secrets. 6:30 pm. The Debt (2007) D: Assaf Bernstein w/ Gila Almagor, Neta Garty. 9 pm.

WED 29—Beaufort. 6:30 pm. Lemon Tree (2007) D: Eran Riklis w/ Hiam Abbass, Doron Tavori. 9 pm.

TORONTO PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL

BLOOR CINEMA, 506 BLOOR W (BC); REVUE CINEMA, 400 RONCESVALLES (RC); NFB CINEMA, 150 JOHN (NFB); AMC COURTNEY PARK 16, 110 COURTNEY PARK, MISSISSAUGA (AMC). 905-270-3622, TPFF.CA.

SAT 25-NOV 1—Celebration of Palestinian heritage and culture through film. \$10, stu/srs/unwaged \$5. Films in original languages w/s-t.

SAT 25—Salt Of This Sea (2008) D: Annemarie Jacir, and short film Mother Of Palestine. 6:30 pm. The Land Speaks Arabic (2006) D: Maryse Gargour, and short film A Day In Palestine. 9:45 pm. Both screenings at BC.

SUN 26—The Daily Nakbas (2008) D: Perla Issa, Aseel Mansour and Adam Shapiro. 1:30 pm. Driving To Zigzagland (2006) D: Nicole Ballivan, and short film Sound Of The Street. 4 pm. The Olive Harvest (2003) D: Hanna Elias, and short film Flea. 7 pm. Telling Strings (2007) D: Anne Marie Haller, and short film Going For A Ride. 9:30 pm. All screenings at BC.

MON 27—Driving To Zigzagland and Palestine In The Eye (1979) D: Mustafa Abu Ali. 7:30 pm (AMC).

TUE 28—Zero Degrees Of Separation (2005) D: Elle Flanders. 7 pm. Mahmoud Darwish (1997) D: Simone Bitton, and short film The People. 9:30 pm. Both screenings at NFB.

WED 29—Memory Of The Cactus (2008) D: Hannah Musleh, and short film Hope Of Freedom. 7 pm. All That Remains (2005) D: Nada El-Yassir, and First Picture (2006) D: Akram Al-Ashqar. 9:30 pm. Both screenings at RC.

CINEMAS

BLOOR CINEMA

506 BLOOR W. 416-516-2330, BLOORCINEMA.COM.

THU 23—Detour (1945) D: Edgar G Ulmer w/ Tom Neal, Ann Savage. 4 pm. Toronto After Dark Film Festival: see listings, this page.

FRI 24—Toronto After Dark Film Festival: see listings, this page. Rock Paper Scissors (2007) D: Mike McKeown. 9:45 pm. \$10. rpsfilm.com.

SAT 25—Amal (2007) D: Richie Meta w/ Koel Purie, Rupinder Nagra. 2:15 pm. Toronto Palestine Film Festival: see listings, this page.

SUN 26—Toronto Palestine Film Festival: see listings, this page.

MON 27—Amal. 4:30 & 9:30 pm. DesignThinkers presents Bomb It! D: Jon Reiss. 7 pm. \$12-\$15. designthinkers.com. Army Of Darkness (1993) D: Sam Raimi w/ Bruce Campbell, Embeth Davidtz. 9:30 pm.

TUE 28—Amal. 4:30 pm. The D&AD Awards. 7 pm. \$25. ihaveanidea.org/dandad/toronto. Army Of Darkness. 9:30 pm.

WED 29—Doc Soup presents Trouble The Water (2008) D: Carl Deal and Tia Lessin. Q&A with directors to follow film. 6:30 & 9:15 pm. \$12. docsoup.ca.

CINEMATHEQUE ONTARIO

JACKMAN HALL, ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO, 317 DUNDAS W. 416-968-FILM, CINEMATHEQUEONTARIO.CA.

FRI 24—Doctor Zhivago (1965) D: David Lean w/ Julie Christie, Omar Sharif. 7 pm.

SAT 25—Alexandra (2007) D: Alexander Sokurov w/ Galina Vishnevskaya, Vasily Shevtsov. Russian w/s-t. 7 pm. This Happy Breed (1944) D: David Lean w/ Robert Newton, Celia Johnson. 8:45 pm.

SUN 26—In Which We Serve (1942) D: David Lean and Noël Coward w/ Coward, Derek F. Phinstone. 1 pm. Elegg Of Life: Rostropovich Vishnevskaya (2006) D: Alexander Sokurov. 3:30 pm. Alexandra. 5:30 pm.

MON 27—The Free Screen and Liaison of Independent Filmmakers present Cinema and Disjunction, featuring Night Equals Day (2008) D: Adrian Blackwell, and Every Building, Or Site, That A Building Permit Has Been Issued For A New Building In Toronto In 2006 (2008) D: Daniel Young and Christian Giroux. Panel discussion to follow. 7 pm. UNESCO World Day for Audiovisual Heritage screening: A Cuban Fight Against Demons (1972) D: Tomás Gutiérrez Alea w/ José Antonio Rodríguez, Raul Pómares. 8:45 pm.

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