

special screenings

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THURSDAY 07

2008 DCI World Championship Quarterfinals NCM Fathom. The simulcast will feature the Top 15 World Class drum corps performing in their entirety and highlight clips of the first five corps that performed earlier in the day. Tickets and more info available at www.fathomevents.com. @Southpark Meadows, Metropolitan, Tinseltown North, Hill Country Galleria, 5pm.

Last Year at Marienbad (1961) D: Alain Resnais; with Delphine Seyring, Giorgio Albertazzi. (NR, 93 min.) **Summer Film Classics: A Fascinating Puzzle.** The timelessness of this arthouse colossus grows even more apparent with this re-released print. Certain as it ever was to spark controversy among its defenders and deniers, the film – with a screenplay by Alain Robbe-Grillet accompanying the studious visuals by Resnais – continues its labyrinthine yet placid odyssey. @Paramount, 7:15, 9:15pm.

The 90s Alternative Sing-Along @Alamo Ritz, 9:20pm.

Pot Zombies (2005) D: Justin Powers; with Starla Anderson, Amy Brown, John Phelan, Lloyd Kaufman. (NR, 90 min.) **Tromatic Thursday.** DOA, Electric Frankenstein, Gein & the Graverobbers, and Damage Case provide the punk-fueled soundtrack for this gore-fest, which also features a cameo by Troma prexy Lloyd Kaufman. @Alamo Draffhouse Lake Creek, 10pm; free.

The Princess Bride Quote-Along (1987) D: Rob Reiner; with Cary Elwes, Mandy Patinkin, Christopher Guest, Wallace Shawn, André the Giant, Fred Savage, Robin Wright Penn. (PG, 98 min.) @Alamo Ritz, 6:45pm.

Sliiths (1978) D: Stephen Traxler; with Alan Blanchard, Judy Motulsky, J.C. Claire, Dennis Lee Falt. (R, 86 min.) **Terror Thursday.** Sliiths, a sea monster created by nuclear radiation, terrorizes Venice, Calif. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid; free.

A Streetcar Named Desire New Orleans Feast and Abita Portfolio Tasting (1951) D: Elia Kazan; with Vivien Leigh, Marlon Brando, Kim Hunter, Karl Malden. Would you like some jambalaya with that melodrama? See www.draffhouse.com for menu. @Alamo Draffhouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm; \$45.

SPACES

Sweet Home Alabama (2002) D: Andy Tennant; with Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey, Candice Bergen, Mary Kay Place, Fred Ward, Jean Smart, Ethan Embry, Melanie Lynskey. (PG-13, 102 min.) **Movies in the Park.** Outdoor screening. (*) @Republic Square Park, 8:30pm; free.

KIDS

Alvin and the Chipmunks (2007) D: Tim Hill; with Jason Lee, David Cross, Cameron Richardson, Jane Lynch; with the voices of Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler, Jesse McCartney. (PG, 92 min.) **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

Are We There Yet? (2005) D: Brian Levant; with Ice Cube, Nia Long, Jay Mohr, Aleisha Allen, Philip Daniel Bolden, M.C. Gainey, Henry Simmons, Nichelle Nichols; with the voice of Tracy Morgan. (PG, 92 min.) **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

Bratz (2007) D: Sean McNamara; with Nathalia Ramos, Janel Parrish, Logan Browning, Skyler Shaye, Chelsea Staub, Jon Voight, Lainie Kazan. (PG, 110 min.) **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

Doogal (2006) D: Dave Borthwick, Jean Duval, and Frank Passingham; with the voices of Judi Dench, Jon Stewart, Whoopi Goldberg, William H. Macy, Jimmy Fallon, Chevy Chase, Ian McKellan, Kevin Smith, Kylie Minogue. (G, 85 min.) **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Lakeline, 10am.

Everyone's Hero (2006) D: Christopher Reeve, Colin Brady, and Dan St. Pierre; with the voices of Rob Reiner, Whoopi Goldberg, Jake T. Austin, William H. Macy, Mandy Patinkin, Brian Dennehy, Dana Reeve, Richard Kind. (G, 88 min.) **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Arbor, 10am.

Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (2002) D: Phil Vischer and Mike Nawrocki; with the voices of Lisa Vischer, Kristin Blegen, Mike Nawrocki, Phil Vischer. (G, 83 min.) **Family Film Festival.** Free. (*) @Westgate, 10am.

TMNT (2007) D: Kevin Munroe; with the voices of Chris Evans, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Mako, Patrick Stewart, Laurence Fishburne, Ziyi Zhang, Mitchell Whitfield, James Arnold Taylor, Mikey Kelley, Nolan North, Kevin Smith. (PG, 90 min.) **Summer Kids Camp.** Free. (*) @Alamo Draffhouse South, 11am.

FRIDAY 08

Hori Smoku Sailor Jerry (2007) See p.80.

Jurassic Park (1993) D: Steven Spielberg; with Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum, Richard Attenborough, Bob Peck, Martin Ferrero, B.D. Wong. **Master Pancake.** See the Pancake merrymakers make light of the prehistoric beasts and their human intruders in this Spielberg classic. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 6:30, 9:10pm.

Last Year at Marienbad (1961) @Paramount, 7:15, 9:15pm. (See Thu., 8/7.)

Singh Is Kinng (2008) D: Anees Bazmee; with Akshay Kumar, Katrina Kaif, Om Puri, Javed Jaffrey, Neha Dhupia. (NR, 135 min.) In this new Hindi-language film, a Sikh named Happy Singh accidentally becomes king of the Australian underworld. (*) @Tinseltown South, noon, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45pm.

SATURDAY 09

Hori Smoku Sailor Jerry (2007) See p.80.

Jurassic Park (1993) @Alamo Ritz, 6:30, 9:10pm. (See Fri., 8/8.)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) D: Jim Sharman; with Richard O'Brien, Barry Bostwick, Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry. (R, 95 min.) Austin fans have been dressing up and doing the "Time Warp" thing live for more than 30 years straight. For more info, see www.austinrocky.org. @Alamo Draffhouse Village, 12mid.

Singh Is Kinng (2008) @Tinseltown South, noon, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45pm. (See Fri., 8/8.)

501 Studios: Soundstage + HD Theatre 501 Studios' soundstage in Downtown Austin now doubles as one of Texas' largest public theatres – with a Sony Qualla HD projector, a 28-foot screen, 180 (removable) seats, a vintage popcorn machine, and affordable rates. Need a venue for premieres, wrap parties, and concerts/plays/performances featuring projection? This could be the place. Also still available as a soundstage/green screen. thomasallen@501studios.com.

Career-Building Classes From Austin School of Film An excellent slate of adult classes (a **Lighting for Film and Video** class from **Spencer Parsons** and this year's **Script to Screen** from **Kat Candler** are coming up soon!) are available for your cinematic advancement at the Austin School of Film. See website for details. www.austinfilmsschool.org/classes.

Network Austin Mixer invites entertainment-biz people to schmooze, network, and do what they do best: entertain one another in a film-happy crowd. The acclaimed **Van Brooks**, alliance president and owner of Two Chairs Studio, will speak before the mixing begins. *Wed., Aug. 13, 6:30pm. Mother Egan's Irish Pub, 715 W. Sixth, 478-7747.* Free. www.networkaustinnmixer.com.

Screen It Like You Mean It Austin Studios has a state-of-the-art screening room, which is available to the public on a rental basis. Community and indie rates are available for the room, which sports an 18-foot-by-7-foot screen, 28 fixed theatre seats, and a surround-sound system and supports Super-35, 35mm, 16mm, VHS, and DVD formats. Handicap accessible, restrooms – the works. They also have a "break room" suitable for presentations, meetings, and general cinematic tomfoolery. 322-0145. www.austinstudios.org.

The Screenplay Workshop All classes are taught by professional screenwriters and meet in Central Austin. Ongoing classes include: Feature-Film Screenwriting Workshop, *Mondays, 7-10pm, \$255 for six weeks, \$390 for 10 weeks*; Screenwriting According to the Masters, *Tuesdays, 7-9:30pm, \$270*; Revising Feature Scripts, *Wednesdays, 7-10pm, \$320*. Also: Private Instruction & Story Consultation Packages, *7½ hours of instruction, \$370*. www.thescreenplayworkshop.org.

SPACES

The Devil Wears Prada (2006) D: David Frankel; with Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt, Stanley Tucci, Adrian Grenier, Tracie Thoms, Rich Sommer, Simon Baker. (PG-13, 106 min.) **Movies in the Park.** Outdoor screening. (*) @Republic Square Park, 8:30pm; free.

SUNDAY 10

Children of Paradise (1945) See p.82.

Ninja Annihilation War (1987) D: Fung Brothers. (R, 90 min.) In their ongoing effort to provide Austin audiences with the best of the unusual, the Alamo folks have unearthed this unique offering. They purchased the obscure three-quarter-inch video master at an Oxnard, Calif., flea market and learned that it was never released theatrically or on video. Now transferred to digital video, the Hong Kong film is ready for its American debut. @Alamo Ritz, 7pm; free.

Paths of Glory (1957) D: Stanley Kubrick; with Kirk Douglas, Ralph Meeker, Adolphe Menjou, George Macready. (NR, 86 min.) **Stanley Kubrick Retrospective.** Douglas fights the military system in this grim depiction of French army politics during World War I. Kubrick's film vividly depicts the harsh realities of war and remains a great anti-war drama. (*) @Alamo Draffhouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm.

KIDS

The Big Green (1981) D: Holly Goldberg Sloan; with Steve Guttenberg, Olivia D'Abo, Jay O. Sanders, John Terry, Chauncey Leopardi, Bug Hall. (PG, 100 min.) **Family Movie Fest.** Free. (*) @Little Walnut Creek Library, 2:30pm.

MONDAY 11

Diva (1981) D: Jean-Jacques Beineix; with Fredric Andrei, Wilhelmenia Wiggins, Richard Bohringer. (R, 117 min.) **Summer Film Classics: Driven by the Music.** Beineix's stylish directorial debut tells the story of a mail messenger who bootlegs an opera tape and gets mixed up with some nasty mob business. A great chase sequence is one of the memorable aspects of this film's zingy style. New print. (Double bill: *Let's Get Lost*.) @Paramount, 9:25pm.

Heima (2007) D: Dean DeBlois. (NR, 97 min.) The film chronicles a series of free concerts Sigur Rós played in their native Iceland during the summer of 2006. @Alamo Ritz, 7:30pm; \$2.

Let's Get Lost (1989) D: Bruce Weber. (NR, 120 min.) **Summer Film Classics: Driven by the Music.** The jazz trumpeter and singer Chet Baker is the subject of this documentary that uses archival

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footage and interviews with many who knew and worked with him to provide a portrait of this embodiment of "West Coast cool" who was ultimately felled by his drug addiction. New print. (Double bill: *Diva*.) @Paramount, 7pm.

Performance (1970) See p.82.

SPACES

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) @Belmont, 8:30pm; free. (See Sat., 8/9.)

KIDS

Flight of the Navigator (1986) D: Randal Kleiser; with Joey Cramer, Paul Reubens, Sarah Jessica Parker. (PG, 137 min.) **Summer Kids Camp.** A 12-year-old boy, time travel, a spaceship, federal agents, and an Eighties soundtrack collide in a rollicking sci-fi adventure. @Alamo Draffhouse South, 11am; free.

TUESDAY 12

The Big Lebowski (1998) D: Joel Coen; with Jeff Bridges, Sam Elliott, John Goodman, Ben Gazzara, Jon Polito, Tara Reid, Steve Buscemi, John Turturro, David Huddleston, Philip Seymour Hoffman. (R, 117 min.) **Cinema Cocktails.** Now serving White Russians as accompaniments to the film, the Alamo lacks but one thing: fake mustaches to drip the drink's milk from. (*) @Alamo Ritz, 7, 8:55pm.

Diva (1981) @Paramount, 7pm. (See Mon., 8/11.)

Let's Get Lost (1989) @Paramount, 9:30pm. (See Mon., 8/11.)

KIDS

Flight of the Navigator (1986) @Alamo Draffhouse South, 11am; free. (See Mon., 8/11.)

WEDNESDAY 13

The Apple (1980) D: Menahem Golan; with Catherine Mary Stewart, George Gilmour, Grace Kennedy, Alan Love, Joss Ackland. (PG, 90 min.) **Weird Wednesday.** The infamous Cannon Films mogul Menahem Golan directed this "future disco biblical glitter musical." The song-and-dance glitz pictures a world enslaved by disco, and this print is the original, pre-release cut which contains several extra minutes of strangeness. @Alamo Ritz, 12mid.

Joe Versus the Volcano (1990) See p.82.

The Killing (1956) D: Stanley Kubrick; with Sterling Hayden, Marie Windsor, Elisha Cook Jr., Vince Edwards, Coleen Gray. (NR, 85 min.) **Stanley Kubrick Retrospective.** Kubrick's second feature film is a dandy heist and double-cross story told in overlapping time sequences with dialogue by Jim Thompson punching up Kubrick's script. The film also features Lucien Ballard's crisp cinematography and hallmark performances by Hayden, Windsor, and Cook. @Alamo Draffhouse Lake Creek, 7:30pm.

SPACES

Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) D: John Hughes; with Matthew Broderick, Alan Ruck, Mia Sara, Jeffrey Jones, Jennifer Grey, Edie McClurg, Charlie Sheen, Louis Anderson, Max Perlich, Kristy Swanson. (PG-13, 103 min.) **101X Summer Movie Series.** Outdoors screening, with Central Market concessions and preshow activities. (*) @Central Market North, 9pm; free.

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KIDS

Flight of the Navigator (1986) @Alamo Draffhouse South, 11am; free. (See Mon., 8/11.)

Grease (1978) D: Randal Kleiser; with Olivia Newton-John, John Travolta, Stockard Channing, Jeff Conaway, Didi Conn. (PG, 112 min.) **Family Movie Night.** Free. (*) @Pleasant Hill Branch Library, 6:30pm.