

February 19-20, 2017

Somerville Theatre

SF42

OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW BETTER



'Thon

YOUNG ENOUGH TO STAY AWAKE

10:30 am **PRE-SHOW: TRAILERS, IN MEMORIAM, SING-ALONG, OPENING REMARKS AND MORE!**

12:00 pm **THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY** (2005, 109M) RATED PG 35MM FILM PRINT

Director Garth Jennings (of the current animated feature *Sing*) helmed this version of Douglas Adams' popular book (which had previously been adapted for radio and TV). Adams also co-wrote the screenplay. The cast is lead by Yasiin Bey, Martin Freeman, Sam Rockwell and Zooey Deschanel, with supporting bits by Warwick Davis, John Malkovich, Helen Mirren, Bill Nighy and others. Why screen it this year? In unison, the answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe, and everything is...

2:00 pm **GALAXY QUEST** (1999, 102M) RATED PG 35MM FILM PRINT

Cheeky, loving takeoff on a *Star Trek*-type TV show whose cast end up living one of their on-screen adventures. Lots of great in-jokes aimed straight for an audience like us. *Galaxy Quest* previously screened at SF26. d: Dean Parisot. c: Tim Allen, the late great Alan Rickman, Sam Rockwell, Sigourney Weaver and Tony Shaloub.

3:40 pm **ALIEN MATING CRY CONTEST**

3:50 pm **CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON** (1954, 79M) NOT RATED

Universal Studios classic makes its long awaited 'Thon debut! One of the best loved monster movies of the '50s features stuntmen Ricou Browning ("sea") and Ben Chapman ("land") as the title being. The third in this series, *Creature Walks Among Us*, screened at SF2. d: Jack Arnold. c: Richard Carlson and Julie Adams star along with character actors Whit Bissell, Richard Denning and Nestor Paiva.

5:15 pm **GATTACA** (1997, 106M) RATED PG-13

Writer-director Andrew Niccol's (*Truman Show*) futuristic take on eugenics and the human spirit stars Ethan Hawke, Jude Law and Uma Thurman, with a supporting cast including Alan Arkin, Xander Berkely, Ernest Borgnine, Gore Vidal and Tony Shaloub. Score is by Michael Nyman. Academy Award nominated for its elegant art direction. *Gattaca* makes its second 'Thon appearance (SF23).

7:05 pm **MAD MAX: FURY ROAD** (2015, 120M) RATED R

Winner of six Oscars. One of the most successful films of 2015 and the third in the *Mad Max* series to be shown at the 'Thon. Director George Miller has souped up the action this time around and introduced a new character (Furiosa, played by Charlize Theron) and a new Max (Tom Hardy). The plot isn't the point: some bashed and beaten dude meets an Amazon who's leading her truckload of Playboy Bunnies away from an evil warlord. Crash, thrill and repeat. Get your seatbelts ready!

9:05 pm **ALIEN-DEFLECTING HELMET DEVICE CONTEST**

9:15 pm **BRAZIL** (UNITED KINGDOM, 1985, 132M) RATED R

Director Terry Gilliam's dystopian, retro-future world classic makes its third Marathon appearance (SF13, SF25). Oscar nominated for its sardonic screenplay and brilliant production design. c: Robert DeNiro, Ian Holm, Bob Hoskins, Michael Palin, Jonathan Pryce, and a who's who of supporting actors.

11:30 pm **NINA UNLOCKED** (SHORT SUBJECT DIRECTED BY MARTIN HALL, 2016)

11:40 pm **TIMECRIMES** (SPAIN, 2007, 92M) RATED R

Director Nacho Vigalondo's clever time travel thriller about a man who accidentally gets ensnared in a life-threatening mystery. In Spanish with English subtitles. Rumors are that an American remake is in the works. c: Karra Elejalde, Candela Fernández and Bárbara Goenaga.

1:15 am **JOHN DIES IN THE END** (2012, 99M) RATED R

Cult director Don Coscarelli's cracked comedic inter-dimensional film features Paul Giamatti, Rob Mayes, Angus Scrimm (*Phantasm*) and Chase Williamson.

3:00 am **WIZARD OF SPEED AND TIME** (SHORT SUBJECT DIRECTED BY MIKE JITTLOV , 1979)

3:03 am **NEITHER HEAVEN NOR EARTH** (FRANCE, BELGIUM, 2015, 100M) NOT RATED

Soldiers in a French army unit in Afghanistan mysteriously vanish in this mystery thriller from director Clement Cogitore. Nominated for four awards at the 2015 Cannes Film Festival, winning the Critics Week Gan Foundation Award. c: Swann Arlaud, Jérémie Renier and Marc Robert.

4:45 am **PREDATOR** (1987, 107M) RATED R

30th anniversary. One of the biggest monster movies of the '80s makes its Marathon debut. Hunted by something they can't see, future governors Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jesse Ventura star alongside Carl Weathers. d: John McTiernan (*Die Hard*). Oscar nominated special effects by Stan Winston.

6:35 am **THIS GIANT PAPIER-MÂCHÉ BOULDER IS ACTUALLY REALLY HEAVY** (NEW ZEALAND, 2016, 112M) NR

SF41 Festival winner for Best Comedy. Director Christian Nicolson also co-stars with Daniel Pujol. Three young men find themselves trapped in an alternate dimension and a low budget sci-fi movie.

8:25 am **THE ROCKETEER** (1991, 108M) RATED PG

Marathon debut. Director Joe Johnston's tribute to the popular Dave Stevens graphic novel features Billy Campbell as the title character and Jennifer Connelly as Jenny (her image patterned after Betty Page). Our hero dons a jetpack (hey, weren't we all supposed to be using these by now?) and becomes a masked superhero. Supporting players include Alan Arkin, Paul Sorvino and Timothy Dalton. Despite its mixed reception at the time (it was nominated for a *Hugo*), *Rocketeer* has become a cult film over the past 25 years.

10:25 am **TREMORS** (1990, 96M) RATED PG-13

Twenty-six years later, the surprise hit of SF16 makes its long-awaited return. Director Ron Underwood's (*The Adventures of Pluto Nash*) entertaining creature feature is good old-fashioned B-movie fun. Kevin Bacon, Reba McEntyre and Fred Ward have a ball battling the critters. *Tremors* barely made a ripple at the box office, but became a VHS hit spawning four sequels (with a fifth one on its way) and a TV series.

## Screening Room

Tentative Schedule

1:45 pm **Energy! The Movie** (Italy, 1993)

An scientist, holed up in a hotel, faces challengers and a scheming mistress. Never shown in the US, the film stars acid-guru Timothy Leary in one of his last performances. d: Andrea Marfori (*Evil Clutch*).

3:45 pm **Hal's<sup>1</sup> Favorite Shorts Collection**

5:45 pm **Virtual Revolution** (France, US, 2016)

Paris 2047. Everybody seems to be spending all their time connected to virtual worlds. With reality taking a back seat,

no one seems to care when restive naturalists start disappearing. d: Guy-Roger Duvert. c: Jane Badler, Mike Dopud and Jochen Hägele.

7:45 pm **Suzz's<sup>2</sup> Favorite Shorts Collection**

9:45 pm **The Worlds Of Philip K Dick** (France, 2015)

NE Premiere. Filmmakers have repeatedly been drawn to Philip K. Dick's work: *Blade Runner*. *Minority Report*. *Total Recall*. *Paycheck*. This documentary explores the man, his writings, and his films.

d: Yann Couquart. <sup>1</sup>Festival Technical Director <sup>2</sup>Festival Co-curator

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