

A WORLD OF CHILDREN

international film series



- January 13** *Family Game (Kazoku Game)* Japan
 In a society where getting into the right school is everything, what do parents do when a son is skipping classes, flunking tests and moving nowhere fast? This film pokes fun at contemporary Japanese ideals--educational achievement, high technology, urban gentility--while focusing on the universal problem of the unmotivated teen.
Yoshimitsu Morita, dir. 1983 Japanese with English subtitles
- January 20** *400 Blows (Le quatre cents coups)* France
 Thirteen-year-old Antoine Doinet lives in a cramped apartment with his mother and stepfather, neglected by them and unlucky at school. Living an intense imaginative life of his own he gets into trouble and is finally committed to reform school from which he escapes and runs towards the sea, which he has never seen.
Francois Truffaut, dir. 1959 French with English subtitles
- January 27** *Children of 1000 Islands (Anak Seribu Pulau)* Indonesia
 This series of short films documents the lives of different children on the many islands that make up Indonesia. In Indonesian, no subtitles. Interpreted by Juliana Wijaya.
- February 3** *The Bicycle Thief (Ladri di biciclette)* Italy
 An unemployed man gets work for which his bicycle is essential. Its theft and the man's desperate attempt to recover it evoke a story of deep poignancy. Based on a novel by Luigi Bartolini.
Vittorio de Sica, dir. 1948 Italian with English subtitles
- February 10** *The Orphans (Podranki)* Russia
 A successful novelist revisits the scenes of his childhood, where he and his two brothers were homeless orphans surviving by their wits amid the chaos of World War II. Now finding his brothers cool and indifferent, he wonders if the warmth and care of their early years together did not make them the best years of his life.
Nikolai Gubenko, dir. 1977 Russian with English subtitles
- February 17** *The Tin Drum (Der Blechtrommel)* Germany
 At 3, Oskar decides to stop growing, and plunges head first into the strange and surreal fate which awaits him--and for the next two terrible decades of feast and famine, fascism and slaughter, he remains frozen in size, suspended in the outraged innocence of childhood.
Volker Schlöndorff, dir. 1979 German with English subtitles
- February 24** *House on Chelouche Street* Israel
 Story of a 15 year old boy, Sami, and the trials of growing up in Tel Aviv under British rule, as the populace struggles to gain independence and identity as a country. Filmed in Tel Aviv.
Moshe Mizrahi, dir. 1973 Hebrew with English subtitles
- March 3** *Keita! The Heritage of the Griot* Burkina Faso
 Based on one of the most important works of African oral literature, *The Sundjata Epic*. When a djelibida, a master griot or bard, arrives mysteriously at the home of Mabo Keita to teach him "the meaning of his name," the boy and griot are inevitably brought into conflict with his Westernized mother and schoolteacher, who have rejected African tradition.
Dani Kouyate, dir. 1994 Jula and French with English subtitles
- March 10** *The Official Story (La historia oficial)* Argentina
 The wife of a businessman finds herself face to face with terror as she begins to discover that her own daughter, adopted at birth, may have been stolen from a family of "los desaparecidos" (the disappeared ones).
Luis Puenzo, dir. 1985 Spanish with English subtitles

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All films shown Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Yamada Language Center Lounge (PAC 122).

Films are in the native language with English subtitles.

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