## GENDER IN FILM

## international film series











## Yamada Language Center Spring 1998



April 7 Wild Reeds

Richly evocative film, set in 1962, about four young people in rural France during the French-Algerian war coming of age and exploring their sexual, national and political identities.

Andre Techiné, dir. 1994

French with English subtitles

April 14

Raise the Red Lantern

China

France

Striking look at the life of a young concubine in 1920s China, as university-educated Songlian becomes the Fourth Wife to the wealthy nobleman Chen.

Zhang Yimou, dir. 1991

Mandarin with English subtitles

April 21 Persona Sweden

Sequestered on a remote island, the forced intimacy between the actress Elizabeth Vogler and her nurse Alma becomes a fierce duel for identity. Haunting, poetic, for discerning viewers.

Ingmar Bergman, dir. 1966

**Swedish with English subtitles** 

April 28

Scent of Green Papaya

Vietnam

Drama about a ten-year-old girl who comes to work in a Saigon household in 1951; the scenario details her relationships with the various household members and concludes a decade later with her growing into a beautiful young woman.

Hung Tran Anh, dir. 1993

Vietnamese with English subtitles

May 5

I, the Worst of All

Argentina

In order to pursue her passion for writing, Juana enters the convent. There she develops an intimate relationship with the vicereine, who inspires her poetry. For discerning viewers.

Maria Luisa Bemberg, dir. 1990

**Spanish with English subtitles** 

**May 12** 

A Tale of Love

Vietnam/USA

Portraying the Vietnamese immigrant experience through Kieu, A Tale of Love follows the quest of a woman in love with 'Love". The film is loosely inspired by 'The Tale of Kieu', the Vietnamese national poem of love which Vietnamese people see as a mythical biography of their land.

Trinh T. Minh-ha, dir. 199?

Vietnamese and English

**May 19** 

Antonia's Line

The Netherlands

A spirited woman returns to her provincial Dutch village after WW2 with her daughter. Then, over a span of years, she raises not only her own child, but an extended family which comes under the shelter of this unusual woman who defies convention

Marleen Gorris, dir. 1995

**Dutch with English subtitles** 

**May 26** 

Farinelli

Belgium

Saga of two brothers in 18th-century Europe, one a composer and the other a castrato opera singer, who, despite childhood castration, still woos women energetically, with the help of his brother.

Gerard Corbiau, dir. 1994

Italian and French with English subtitles

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.