

a world at war



International Film Series



Yamada Language Center Winter 1999

January 12

Come and See

Belarus

Chronicle of the initiation of a young teen into the horror and insanity of war, as the Nazis maraud through northwestern Russia in 1943. An extraordinary film about the need to maintain one's humanity and dignity no matter what the situation.

Elim Klimov, dir. 1985

Russian with English subtitles

January 19

Men with Guns

United States

Fuentes has trained young doctors to assist the native Indian tribes who otherwise have no access to medicine. When he finds more than one former student killed at the hands of the "men with guns," Fuentes' searches himself to discover what it means to be a man. The absence of violence is striking in a film about violent deaths in the countryside.

John Sayles, dir. 1998

Spanish with English subtitles

January 26

Bullet in the Head

Hong Kong

Three friends leave Hong Kong to reap profits in war-torn 1967 Saigon and get caught up in a whirlwind of troubles that tests their loyalty. Intense and highly charged.

John Woo, dir. 1990

Chinese with English subtitles

February 2

Hiroshima, Mon Amour

France

A thoughtful, complex study of a French film actress and Japanese architect, each with a troubled past, who have a brief affair in postwar Hiroshima.

Alain Resnais, dir. 1959

French with English subtitles

February 9

Europa, Europa

Germany

A German-Jewish teenage boy flees the Nazis and conceals his identity, only to find himself drafted into Hitler's army. The film blends horrific images with black comedy to depict the growing pains of a boy becoming a man in the midst of a world in chaos.

Agnieszka Holland, dir. 1991

German with English subtitles

February 16

Black Rain

Japan

A somber and moving story detailing five years in the life of a family which survived Hiroshima, and the ways their bodies and souls are poisoned by the fallout or "black rain." A quietly observant character study with a number of haunting black and white images.

Shohei Imamura, dir. 1989

Japanese with English subtitles

February 23

Because of that War

Israel

A documentary about the impact of the Holocaust on the lives of second generation survivors. They are two popular Israeli rock figures, singer Yehuda Poliker and lyricist Ya'akov Gilad of the band Benzine. Poliker's father, Jacko, is from Saloniki and was deported by the Nazis to an extermination camp. Gilad's mother, Halina, is a writer and poet from Warsaw whose memories haunt her work.

Orna Ben-Dor Niv, dir. 1988

Hebrew with English subtitles

March 2

Night of the Shooting Stars

Italy

Extraordinarily touching drama about a group of Tuscan villagers during World War 2 in the final days before liberation by the Americans as seen through the perspective of a little girl.

Paolo & Vittorio Taviani, dir. 1982

Italian with English subtitles



All films shown Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Shelley L. Keithan Student Lounge (PAC 122).

Films are in the native language with English subtitles.

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