

PROGRAM NOTES

Tuesday | **OCTOBER 13** | **7 pm**

FLIGHT OF THE RED BALLOON

(Le Voyage du ballon rouge)

HOU Hsiao-hsien | 2006 | 113 minutes

This film is an homage to Albert Lamorisse's Red Balloon(1956), which has been called a documentary of the imagination by film theorist, André Bazin. The focus of the film is on Suzanne (Juliette Binoche), a single mother busy with puppet shows, teaching and taking care of one young child.

Director HOU is a leading figure in the Taiwanese New Wave movement and is internationally recognized for his unique and personal vision which comes to life through his trademark contemplative long takes. Be sure to attend this intensely visual and philosophical film.

Thursday | **OCTOBER 15** | **7 pm**

THE CLASS (Entre les murs)

Laurent Cantet | 2007 | 128 minutes

Based on the novel by the leading actor, François Bégaudeau, winner of the Palme d'Or at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival and whose parents were also schoolteachers, this film is an absorbing journey into a culturally diverse high school in Paris.

François is a tough but fair teacher. But when the students begin to challenge his methods, François finds his classroom ethics put to the ultimate test. Come and think through the issues presented in this film and ask yourself how you would handle them.

Friday | **OCTOBER 16** | **7 pm**

DAYS OF GLORY (Indigènes)

Rachid Bouchareb | 2005 | 128 minutes

Nominated for the 2007 Oscar's Best Foreign Language Film and winner of Best Actor at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival, this amazing film shows World War II through the eyes of four North African soldiers fighting for the French army.

Franco-Algerian Director Bouchareb uses this film to reveal the racism these soldiers had to endure. We are told at the film's conclusion that, in 1952, France voted to cease pension payments to African soldiers from countries no longer under French colonialism. In 2006, following a screening of this film, President Jacques Chirac reinstated the African veterans' pensions. Watch this film and learn about this little known page of WWII history.

Thursday | **OCTOBER 22** | **7 pm**

LA HAINE (Hate)

Mathieu Kassovitz | 1994 | 97 minutes

Winner of the Best Director Award at the 1995 Cannes Film Festival, this film follows, in cinema verité style, a day in the life of three aimless, violence-prone, ethnically-diverse young men who come from the same decaying housing project in Paris. Although the trio seethes with fury over the arrest and senseless beating of an Arab friend, each manages to keep the other in check. But that restraint lasts only so long.

Director Kassovitz has been compared to Spike Lee due to the parallels found in Lee's Do the Right Thing. Come to this screening and reflect on the circulation of dangerous weapons in society.

Monday | **OCTOBER 26** | **7 pm**

THE DREAMLIFE OF ANGELS

(La Vie rêvée des anges)

Erick Zonca | 1997 | 113 minutes

Starring two young actresses (Elodie Bouchez and Natacha Régnier), both winners of the Best Actress Award at the 1998 Cannes Film Festival, this deeply touching film is about the friendship and separate fates of two struggling young women in Lille, an industrial city in Northern France.

This film is Erick Zonca's first feature but undoubtedly demonstrates his ability to communicate human emotion with a bare yet powerful style.

From Visitor Parking to Success Center (a 7 minute walk)

Walk back out to Ferst Drive | Turn left and walk back to Cherry St. | Cross Cherry St. and continue on footpath, passing in front of Tech Tower | The Success Center is straight ahead.

Inside the Success Center, take an immediate left to foyer of Clary Theater.

DIRECTIONS

The Clary Theater in the Student Success Center is built into the west side of the football stadium. The entrance to the Center is near the base of Tech Tower, the campus's most visible landmark. You can park in one of two lots:

1. **Burge Parking** (on North Ave., close to the Success Center)
2. **Visitor Parking** (close to the Student Center, a 7 minute walk)

Burge Parking Exit the Interconnector (I-75/85) and get on North Ave. heading west | After Techwood Drive, move to the left lane and prepare to turn left | Turn left into driveway just before the pedestrian overpass | Burge Parking Garage entrance is on the right | Parking is available on the ground level and is free in the evening.

From Burge Parking to Visitor Parking If Burge is full (it is a small lot), continue west on North Avenue for only 100 more feet | Go right onto Cherry St., a small entrance to campus | At stop sign turn left onto Ferst Drive | Visitor parking is 300 yards ahead on your right.

From Burge Parking to Success Center (a 2 minute walk)

Cross North Avenue on pedestrian overpass | Walk up the stairs to side of football stadium | Follow the sidewalk on the right to the front doors of the Success Center.