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Au hasard Balthazar

Thursday, November 6 at 7:00pm | 1966 | 1h 35m | DCP
In French with English subtitles
Directed by: Robert Bresson
Featuring: Anne Wiazemsky, Walter Green, François Lafarge

A profound masterpiece from one of the most revered filmmakers in the history of cinema, this French drama follows the donkey Balthazar as he is passed from owner to owner, some kind and some cruel, but all with motivations beyond his understanding.



The Grapes of Wrath

Monday, November 10 at 7:00pm | 1940 | 2h 9m | DCP
Directed by: John Ford
Featuring: Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine

One of the rare prestige literary adaptations to capture the power and majesty of its source material, John Ford's renowned film version of John Steinbeck's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is one of the peaks of studio-era Hollywood filmmaking.

Engraved in Gregg Toland's expressive chiaroscuro cinematography, this by turns devastating and ennobling tale of injustice sees Henry Fonda in a career-defining role.



You've Got Mail*

Thursday, November 13 at 7:00pm | 1998 | 1h 59m | DCP
Directed by: Nora Ephron
Featuring: Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Greg Kinnear, Parker Posey

In this beloved remake of *The Shop Around the Corner*, struggling boutique bookseller Kathleen Kelly (Meg Ryan) hates Joe Fox (Tom Hanks), the owner of a corporate Foxbooks chain store that just moved in across the street. When they meet online, however, they begin an intense and anonymous Internet romance, oblivious of each other's true identity.

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World

Monday, December 1 at 7:00pm | 2003 | 2h 18m | DCP
Directed by: Peter Weir
Featuring: Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany, Billy Boyd

The courage to do the impossible lies in the hearts of men.

After a sudden attack by a French warship inflicts severe damage upon his ship, Captain "Lucky" Jack Aubrey (Russell Crowe) of the British Navy is torn between duty and friendship as he embarks on a thrilling, high-stakes chase across two oceans to capture or destroy the enemy at any cost.



Tokyo Godfathers

Thursday, December 11 at 7:00pm | 2003 | 1h 32m | DCP
Directed by: Satoshi Kon
Featuring: Tôru Emori, Yoshiaki Umegaki, Aya Okamoto

On Christmas Eve, three people—an alcoholic, a teen runaway, and a former drag queen—living on the streets of Tokyo discover a newborn baby among the trash and set out to find its parents in this adventure-tragicomedy from Satoshi Kon, acclaimed director of *Paprika* and *Perfect Blue*.



White Christmas

Monday, December 22 at 7:00pm | 1954 | 2h | DCP
Directed by: Michael Curtiz
Featuring: Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, Vera-Ellen

This Technicolor classic teams Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye as two song-and-dance war veterans who become one of the hottest acts in show business. When they encounter a sister act (Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen), they're off to Vermont for a holiday celebration unlike any other. Directed by Michael Curtiz (*Casablanca*) and featuring timeless songs by Irving Berlin, it's an essential and festive favorite.



*Intro seminar available; more on p19



The Life of Pi

Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00pm | 2023 | 2h 30m | DCP

Directed by: Max Webster

Featuring: Hiran Abeysekera

Puppetry, magic, and storytelling combine in a unique, Olivier Award-winning stage adaptation of the best-selling novel.

After a cargo ship sinks in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean, a 16-year-old boy named Pi is stranded on a lifeboat with four other survivors: a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan and a Royal Bengal tiger. Time is against them, nature is harsh, who will survive?



Mrs. Warren's Profession

Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00pm | 2025 | 2h | DCP

Directed by: Dominic Cooke

Featuring: Imelda Staunton, Bessie Carter, Kevin Doyle

Five-time Olivier Award winner Imelda Staunton (*The Crown*) joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter (*Bridgerton*) for the very first time, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic.

This new production reunites Staunton with director Dominic Cooke (*Follies*, *Good*), exploring the clash between morality and independence, traditions and progress.



The Fifth Step

Thursday, December 4 at 7:00pm | 2025 | 1h 40m | DCP

Directed by: Finn den Hertog

Featuring: Jack Lowden, Martin Freeman

Olivier Award winner Jack Lowden (*Slow Horses*, *Dunkirk*) is joined by Emmy and BAFTA winner Martin Freeman (*The Hobbit*, *The Responder*) in the critically acclaimed and subversively funny new play by David Ireland.

After years in Alcoholics Anonymous, James becomes a sponsor to newcomer Luka. The pair build a fragile friendship, but as Luka approaches step five—the moment of confession—dangerous truths emerge.



Our Hospitality

Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00pm | 1923 | 1h 5m | DCP

Directed by: Buster Keaton, John G. Blystone

Featuring: Buster Keaton, Natalie Talmadge, Joe Keaton

Featuring a live, original score composed and performed Jeff Rapsis!

This lovingly detailed parody of the legendary feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and McCoys of Kentucky was Buster Keaton's first attempt at rendering the simultaneously nostalgic and unsentimental image of America's pioneer past with which his screen presence has become so closely associated. When young Willie McKay (Keaton) returns to his southern home to reclaim his birthright, he quickly falls in love with a young girl (Talmadge) who, unbeknownst to him, is the daughter of his late father's bitter rival.

Filled with perfectly timed sight gags that culminate in one of Keaton's literally death-defying set pieces, *Our Hospitality* is a slapstick comedy essential.



Donnie Darko

Thursday, November 6 at 9:45pm | 2001 | 1h 53m | 35mm

Directed by: Richard Kelly

Featuring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Jena Malone, Patrick Swayze

Richard Kelly set the template—and the high water mark—with his debut feature, arguably the first cult classic of the new millennium.

Described by its director as “*The Catcher in the Rye* as told by Philip K. Dick,” *Donnie Darko* combines an eye-catching, eclectic cast and an evocative soundtrack of '80s classics to become a truly haunting and mind-bending cinematic experience.



Harold and Maude

Thursday, November 20 at 9:30pm | 1971 | 1h 31m | DCP

Directed by: Hal Ashby

Featuring: Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, Vivian Pickles

With the idiosyncratic American fable *Harold and Maude*, countercultural director Hal Ashby fashioned what would become the cult classic of its era.

Ashby tells the story of the emotional and romantic bond between a death-obsessed young man (Bud Cort) from a wealthy family and a devil-may-care, bohemian octogenarian (Ruth Gordon).



Carol

Thursday, December 4 at 9:30pm | 2015 | 1h 58m | DCP

Directed by: Todd Haynes

Featuring: Cate Blanchett, Rooney Mara, Sarah Paulson

When Carol (Cate Blanchett) walks into a New York City department store and meets Therese (Rooney Mara) an unlikely friendship sparks.

From director Todd Haynes and based on the best-selling novel *The Price of Salt* by Patricia Highsmith, *Carol* is a powerful romance fueled by the danger and exhilaration of forbidden love.



Crispin Hellion Glover's No! YOU'RE WRONG. or: Spooky Action at a Distance

Monday, November 3 at 7:00pm | 2h 5m

Crispin Hellion Glover joins us in person for a live performance, film screening, Q&A, and book signing after the show! His new film is preceded by a live dramatic narration of his illustrated books projected behind him.



After each screening, join us for an afterparty in our Education & Community Engagement Center!



Planes, Trains & Automobiles

Thursday, November 20 at 7:00pm | 1987 | 1h 33m | DCP

Directed by: John Hughes

Featuring: Steve Martin, John Candy, Edie McClurg

When an uptight ad exec gets stranded in Wichita during holiday travel, he must team up with an obnoxious-yet-loveable salesman on a cross-country adventure involving multiple modes of transportation, mishaps, and rental car shenanigans.



The Santa Clause

Thursday, December 18 at 7:00pm | 1998 | 1h 37m | DCP

Directed by: John Pasquin

Featuring: Tim Allen, Eric Lloyd, David Krumholtz

On Christmas Eve, divorced dad Scott Calvin and his son discover Santa Claus has fallen off their roof. When Scott takes the reins of the magical sleigh, he finds he is now the new Santa, and must convince a world of disbelievers, including himself.



Fairyland

Saturday, November 1 at 2:00pm | 2023 | 1h 56m | DCP
Directed by: Andrew Durham
Featuring: Scoot McNairy, Emilia Jones, Cody Fern

Co-presented by Brookline Booksmith! Featuring a post-film discussion with Alysia Abbott, author of *Fairyland: A Memoir of My Father*, moderated by Amy Monaghan, principal lecturer in film studies and literature at Clemson University and editor of *Sofia Coppola: Interviews*.



The Librarians

Saturday, December 13 at 2:00pm | 2025 | 1h 32m | DCP
Directed by: Kim A. Snyder
Featuring: Suzette Baker, Weston Brown, Becky Calzada

Featuring a post-film discussion with director Kim A. Snyder! Librarians emerge as first responders in the fight for democracy and our First Amendment Rights. As they well know, controlling the flow of ideas means control over communities.



Magnificent Obsession

Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00pm | 1954 | 1h 48m | DCP
Directed by: Douglas Sirk
Featuring: Jane Wyman, Rock Hudson, Agnes Moorehead

Before the film, Dr. Eric Pierce, Director of the Harvard Ophthalmology Ocular Genomics Institute, will discuss current therapeutic interventions that are being developed for blindness.

Douglas Sirk's masterclass in melodrama sees Rock Hudson in his breakout role.

The Most Precious of Cargoes

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00pm | 2024 | 1h 21m | DCP
Directed by: Michel Hazanavicius
Featuring: Dominique Blanc, Grégory Gadebois

This visually stunning animated fable from the Academy Award-winning director of *The Artist* is a cinematic gem that transcends time, delivering a poignant reflection on loss, resistance, and the enduring power of human connection.

When a baby is thrown from a passing train on the way to a WWII prison camp, a couple unable to bear children takes it in as their own.



All God's Children

Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00pm | 2024 | 1h 25m | DCP
Directed by: Ondi Timoner
Featuring: Sheila R. Carpenter, Waliek Crandall

With racial and ethnic tensions rising between their communities, activist Rabbi Rachel Timoner and Baptist Reverend Robert Waterman join forces to unite their congregations. Seeking peace and equality, they set a plan in motion to trade pulpits, worship together, break bread monthly, start a joint choir, and hopefully become a family. But the road is bumpy and their faith is often shaken as both congregations struggle not to let their differences drive them apart.



From Darkness to Light

Thursday, November 13 at 7:00pm | 2024 | 1h 48m | DCP
Directed by: Eric Friedler, Michael Lurie
Featuring: Jerry Lewis, Martin Scorsese

In 1972, at the peak of his career, Jerry Lewis took a bold step. Long known as a comic actor, the "King of Comedy" set out to craft *The Day the Clown Cried*, a special movie project in which he would play a dramatic role. It turned out to be an epic fiasco, with Lewis leaving the set and never speaking about what happened. This documentary tells the story of Lewis' daring and doomed film project.





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Goethe German Film

Our signature program in partnership with: 



What Marielle Knows

Sunday, November 16 at 11:00am | 2025 | 1h 26m | DCP | In German and French with English subtitles

Directed by: Frédéric Hambalek

Featuring: Julia Jentsch, Felix Kramer, Laeni Geiseler

Julia and Tobias seem to be the perfect couple...but behind the façade and designer kitchen, trouble is brewing. Their fragile balance is shattered when their daughter Marielle suddenly develops telepathic abilities, granting her the power to see and hear everything her parents do. The couple realizes the lies they have kept can no longer be hidden.



Hysteria

Sunday, December 14 at 11:00am | 2025 | 1h 44m | DCP | In Turkish, English, Kurdish, Arabic & German with English subtitles

Directed by: Mehmet Akif Büyükcatalay

Featuring: Devrim Lingnau, Mehdi Meskar, Serkan Kaya

When a burned Quran is found on a film set, the shoot takes a dark turn and the crew are thrown into turmoil. Caught in the crossfire, an intern is drawn into a dangerous game of secrets, accusations, and lies.

Our new signature program celebrating Indian filmmaking, curated in partnership with the acclaimed filmmaker and preservationist Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, the founding director of Film Heritage Foundation.

*PLUS take our **free** series seminar, delving more into masala films; see more on p19!*

Amar Akbar Anthony

Sunday, November 9 at 1:00pm | 1977 | 3h 4m | DCP

In Hindi & English with English subtitles

Directed by: Manmohan Desai

Featuring: Vinod Khanna, Rishi Kapoor, Amitabh Bachchan

In this pure entertainer that combines action, comedy, and melodrama, three brothers are separated in childhood, adopted by families of different faiths, and finally reunited in adulthood. The long-lost brothers must unite to defeat the villains that destroyed their family.



Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge

Monday, November 24 at 6:30pm | 1995 | 3h 9m | DCP

In Hindi with English Subtitles

Directed by: Aditya Chopra

Featuring: Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol

Three decades since its release, the magic of DDLJ remains undiminished; fall in love with Raj (Shah Rukh Khan) and Simran (Kajol), who meet on a train when traveling with their friends across Europe. The couple's romance is threatened when Simran's father takes her to India for an arranged marriage.



Devdas

Saturday, December 6 at 1:00pm | 2002 | 3h 5m | DCP

In Hindi with English subtitles

Directed by: Sanjay Leela Bhansali

Featuring: Shah Rukh Khan, Aishwarya Rai, Madhuri Dixit

This adaptation of the beloved novel is a sumptuous, romantic period drama with opulent sets, luxurious costumes, and spectacular choreography that tells the tragic tale of star-crossed lovers whose plans to marry are rebuffed.





The BJ Hickman Magic Show

Saturday, November 1 at 10:30pm
Recommended for ages 3+

Magician BJ Hickman returns to the Coolidge Corner Theatre with a fun, audience participation magic show for all ages.

You'll enjoy the clever deceptions, mind-reading miracles, silly surprises, and non-stop, action-packed magic! BJ Hickman is a New England favorite!



Vanessa Trien & The Jumping Monkeys

Saturday, November 15 at 10:30am
Recommended for ages 2+

The Boston's Parents' Choice Award-winning band returns for their highly anticipated, annual Coolidge Corner Theatre show!

Their original songs and audience-participatory approach to their shows, mixed with infectious folk-pop-world sounds and Vanessa's warmth and humor on stage, are a recipe for a perfect musical morning out with the family.



Good News Gus

Sunday, November 23 at 10:30am
Recommended for ages 2+

Harry LaCoste brings his family-friendly vaudeville show to the world!

Along with his cast of interactive fuzzy puppet friends, Harry will sing songs you know, tell jokes you might not, and play music on his rockin' ukulele. Join him as he wiggles, giggles, juggles, and jams with his sunshine-spreading sidekick, Good News Gus!

Where the Wild Things Are

Saturday, November 29 & Sunday, November 30 at 10:30am
Recommended for ages 7+

Innovative director Spike Jonze collaborates with celebrated author Maurice Sendak to bring one of the most beloved books of all time to the big screen in *Where the Wild Things Are*, a classic story about childhood and the places we go to figure out the world we live in.



Jenny the Juggler

Sunday, December 7 at 10:30am
Recommended for ages 2+

Jenny the Juggler dazzles with dexterity and wit in her interactive variety show! Seamlessly incorporating magic, music, physical comedy, and, of course, juggling, her show is one of a kind!



The Airborne Comedians

Saturday, December 13 at 10:30am
Recommended for ages 2+

The Airborne Comedians have traveled the globe performing their high-energy, unorthodox comedy juggling show to the delight of all ages.

The Airborne Comedians throw and catch birdbaths, lawn chairs, and more while balanced atop unicycles!



The Muppet Christmas Carol

Saturday, December 20 & Sunday, December 21 at 10:30am
Recommended for ages 4+

The classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge as told by everyone's favorite band of Muppets! Join Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, and all the hilarious Muppets in this merry, magical version of Charles Dickens's classic tale with Academy Award winner Michael Caine as Ebenezer Scrooge.



CLASS



Global Resistance: Challenging Autocracy One Film at a Time

Wednesdays, November 5–19 (no class November 26) & December 3–17 at 10:00am–1:15pm
Instructor: Judi Freeman, historian and educator

Of all the films about dictators, the most riveting are those that focus on the responses to repressive regimes and serious threats to democracy.

In this Coolidge Education class, we're examining how seemingly ordinary folks respond in the face of autocratic rule through film. We'll investigate: what's the tipping point? What motivates individuals to take action or to become an opposition? What choices are folks willing to make in defense of liberties and freedoms? And crucially: do films inspire action?

Join us for six sessions as we dissect an array of feature films, documentaries, and shorts that address global responses from societies on the precipice. We'll screen films grappling with this theme from various perspectives, from early classics by Chaplin and Truffaut, to recent award-winners like Pablo Larrain's *No*, alongside an array of probing documentaries.



Boston Open Screen

Tuesdays, November 11 & December 9 at 7:00pm

Open Screen is Boston's one and only open mic night for filmmakers! Share your film the way it was intended, projected in a dark room with lively strangers. If your movie (or part thereof) is under ten minutes, we'll screen it.

SEMINARS

Free Seminar: Cinema Masala with Dr. Shilpa Parnami

Saturday, November 8 at 11:00am

Instructor: Dr. Shilpa Parnami, BU Professor of Hindi

Masala films are celebrated for their melodrama, spectacular song-and-dance numbers, and larger-than-life narratives—is that what explains their popularity in India and around the world? This one-hour session will include a brief presentation followed by an extended Q&A, inviting audience insights and discussion.



You've Got Mail

Thursday, November 13 at 6:15pm

Instructor: Sarah Keller, Professor of Art and Cinema Studies at UMass Boston

Both a crowd-pleasing romantic comedy and a love letter to New York, Nora Ephron's *You've Got Mail* is a moving and meaningful tribute to finding one's way in an ever-changing environment. This seminar will illuminate Ephron's manner of plucking up stories from a variety of sources and making them uniquely her own.



DISCUSSIONS

Noirvember

Tuesday evenings in November

Instructor: Alex Kittle, projectionist and illustrator

After Tuesday evening Noirvember screenings, join the Brattle's Alex Kittle in the Education and Community Engagement Center to discuss the film; noir themes and tropes like toxic masculinity and the femme fatale; and the layered performances of Gloria Grahame, the subject of this year's series.



Special Screenings



6-A Akash Ganga

Sunday, November 2 at 2:00pm | 2025 | 1h 20m | DCP
In Hindi with English subtitles
Directed by: Nirmal Chander
Featuring: Nityanand Haldipur

Post-screening Q&A with filmmaker Nirmal Chander! This new documentary charts legendary musician Annapurna Devi's decision to stop performing at the behest of her husband, world famous sitarist Ravi Shankar, who had grown uneasy with her acclaim.



From Page to Screen: Nouvelle Vague

Thursday, November 6 at 7:15pm | 2025 | 1h 46m | DCP
In French & English with English subtitles
Directed by: Richard Linklater
Featuring: Guillaume Marbeck, Zoey Deutch

Post-film discussion with Ericka Knudson, author of *Nouvelle Femmes: Modern Women of the French New Wave and Their Enduring Contribution to Cinema*, moderated by Barbara Bouquegneau, President and Executive Director of French Library.



Nirvana The Band The Show The Movie The Tour

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:00pm | 2025 | 1h 35m | DCP
Directed by: Matt Johnson
Featuring: Matt Johnson, Jay McCarrol, Ben Petrie

A screening of *Nirvana the Band the Show the Movie* featuring a post-film Q&A with Matt Johnson and Jay McCarrol! When their plan to book a show goes horribly wrong, Matt and Jay accidentally travel back to the year 2008.



From Page to Screen: Donkey Skin (to be confirmed)

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00pm | 1970 | 1h 30m | DCP
In French with English subtitles
Directed by: Jacques Demy
Featuring: Catherine Deneuve, Jean Marais

In this French surrealist fantasy, a fairy godmother helps a princess disguise and flee the kingdom so she won't have to marry the king who happens to be her father.

NOIRVEMBER

Gloria Grahame

November 2025

"Of all the American film stars, Gloria Grahame is the only one who is also a person."—François Truffaut, 1952

Few Hollywood actresses were able to channel vulnerability, doubt, and droll wit like Gloria Grahame, who appeared in over 40 films during the course of her career. Moving seamlessly between supporting and lead roles, she earned an indelible place in the pantheon of film noir femme fatales. As she once famously quipped: "I dote on death scenes."

In a Lonely Place* (in 35mm)

Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00pm

Grahame gave one of her finest performances in Nicholas Ray's masterpiece of moral and psychological ambiguity, as an aspiring actress committed to a screenwriter (Humphrey Bogart) who may—or may not—be capable of murder.

Sudden Fear*

Tuesday, November 11 at 7:15pm

Joan Crawford and Jack Palance star in this taut, ingeniously-plotted woman-in-jeopardy, beat-the-clock thriller, which also features a memorable supporting turn by Grahame as a conniving ex.

Odds Against Tomorrow

Sunday, November 16 at 2:00pm

Robert Wise's study of a perfect heist derailed by one robber's racial prejudice contains one of Grahame's last great performances, as the crook's lonely, alluring neighbor. With Ed Begley, Robert Ryan, and Harry Belafonte.

Human Desire* (in 35mm)

Tuesday, November 18 at 7:15pm

The centerpiece of Fritz Lang's Zola adaptation is Grahame's towering performance as the dissatisfied, vengeful wife of a brutish conductor she aims to have killed.

The Big Heat* (in 35mm)

Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00pm

Grahame is iconic as a fearless gun moll in Fritz Lang's shocking noir, about a vengeful cop (Glenn Ford) on a mission to take down the gang that brought violence to his door.

*Post-film discussions
available; see more on p19



THE SIXTH SENSE



SPLIT

NOVEMBER

Halloween II (2009)

Saturday, November 1 at 11:59pm

The Sixth Sense

Friday, November 7 at 11:59pm

The Happening

Saturday, November 8 at 11:59pm

Unbreakable

Friday, November 14 at 11:59pm

Split

Saturday, November 15 at 11:59pm

Signs

Friday, November 21 at 11:59pm

Old

Saturday, November 22 at 11:59pm

The Visit

Friday, November 28 at 11:59pm

Trap

Saturday, November 29 at 11:59pm



TRAP



PREDATOR



DEMOLITION MAN

DECEMBER

(all titles to be confirmed)

Predator

Friday, December 5 at 11:59pm

The Running Man

Saturday, December 6 at 11:59pm

Rocky IV

Friday, December 12 at 11:59pm

Demolition Man

Saturday, December 13 at 11:59pm

GI Jane

Friday, December 19 at 11:59pm

Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle

Saturday, December 20 at 11:59pm

Die Hard

Friday, December 26 at 11:59pm

Die Hard with a Vengeance

Saturday, December 27 at 11:59pm



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