

# Previews

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Punch-Drunk Love 2002

Coming Soon



### 2026 Oscar Nominated Shorts

We are excited to present the 2026 Oscar nominated short films. With all three categories offered – Animated, Live Action and Documentary – this is your annual chance to predict the winners (and have the edge in your Oscar pool)! A perennial hit with audiences, don't miss this year's selection of the best short films.

Galentine's Day



1994

### Muriel's Wedding

WED FEB 4 7:30

Socially awkward and unlucky in love, Muriel steals money from her parents and leaves her small Australian town in search of the big life she is destined for. Along the way, she meets a kindred-spirit in Rhonda, who encourages Muriel to lean into her weirdness and dream big. This endearing comedy is laugh-out-loud funny and features an upbeat soundtrack courtesy of ABBA.

Deep Focus on Screen



1953

### Roman Holiday

SUN FEB 8 1:00

In this delightful romantic comedy, Audrey Hepburn makes her memorable movie debut. Playing a princess who is trying to escape the rules of royal life, she falls for a reporter, wonderfully played by Gregory Peck. As the two explore Rome, she must make a choice between two possible lives. **Online seminar on Tue, Feb 10 with Hannah Jack.**

Valentine's Screening



1995

### Before Sunrise

WED FEB 11 7:30

BEFORE SUNRISE is an intelligent look at modern love and the romantic power of idle conversation. A young man and woman meet on a train in Europe and spend the evening walking and talking around Vienna. Led by marvelously natural performances from Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy with a delightful and witty screenplay that would come to define the Linklater style.

Valentine's Day



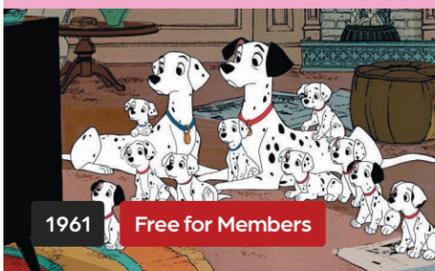
2002

### Punch-Drunk Love

SAT FEB 14 9:45

This Valentine's Day join us for PTA's off kilter take on a romantic comedy. Adam Sandler channels Buster Keaton with an amazing and unorthodox performance as a socially awkward businessman who falls in love with a mysterious woman. PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE is a misfit love story with a spellbinding score courtesy of Jon Brion and strong performances.

\$5 Family Matinees



1961

Free for Members

### 101 Dalmatians

SAT FEB 21 10:00 AM

This beloved Disney animated classic includes one of cinema's most iconic villains – Cruella De Vil! After their new litter of dalmatians and 84 other puppies go missing, Pongo and Perdita comb through 1960's London to find them, before Cruella De Vil can execute her vile plan to fashion them into a dalmatian fur coat.



2018

### Hale County This Morning, This Evening

WED FEB 25 7:00

In partnership with the YWCA Princeton. The directorial debut from filmmaker RaMell Ross (*Nickel Boys*). The film follows the lives of Daniel Collins and Quincy Bryant, two African American men living in rural Alabama, over the course of five years. Daniel pursues a college degree while Quincy becomes a parent.

Deep Focus on Screen



1963

### Lilies of the Field

SUN MAR 1 1:00

Sidney Poitier stars as a handyman who agrees to help a group of impoverished nuns build a chapel in the Arizona desert without pay. Poitier delivers an outstanding performance – going on to become the first Black male actor to receive an Academy Award for Best Actor. **Online seminar on Tue, Mar 10 with Hannah Jack.**



2019

### The Report

WED MAR 11 7:00

Discussion with Scott Z. Burns & Daniel J. Jones. Adam Driver and Annette Bening star in this gripping political procedural. In the aftermath of 9/11, Daniel Jones — a committed Senate staffer — conducts an exhaustive investigation into reported torture methods used by the CIA. Driver gives a thoughtful and detailed performance as Jones in this well-crafted drama.



### Hollywood Awards Party

SUN MAR 15 5:30 RED CARPET  
SUN MAR 15 6:30 WATCH PARTY

You're invited to celebrate the biggest night in movies at our annual Hollywood Awards Party fundraiser. This newly envisioned evening will now take place 100% at the theater. Join us for the entire evening, which includes our Red Carpet Reception, or join in the fun for only the Watch Party.



2024

### Porcelain War

WED MAR 18 7:00

In partnership with Princeton University Concerts and the Princeton Public Library. A harrowing, visually arresting portrait of artists on the frontlines of the war in Ukraine. Filmed amidst the rubble and resilience of an active war zone, the documentary follows three Ukrainian creatives who choose to fight not only with weapons, but with their art.



Reel Rebels

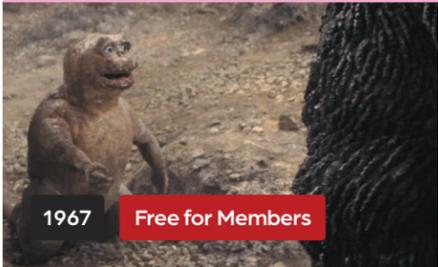
1975

### One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

THU MAR 19 7:00

Jack Nicholson stars in a memorable performance as R.P. McMurphy, a free-spirit who defies authority at every level. He ends up in an asylum after faking insanity and there he finds himself in an all-consuming struggle with Head Nurse Ratched. A biting, satire about society and the human spirit.

### \$5 Family Matinees



1967

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### Son of Godzilla

SAT MAR 21 10:00 AM

In this film from the beloved Toho kaiju series, Godzilla must protect his baby son, who hatches on Monster Island in the midst of a weather experiment gone wrong that creates a radioactive storm and insects of mammoth proportions. Filled with giant monster battles, an impressive musical score, and tons of laughs that fans of all ages can enjoy. **With English dubs.**



2024

### So Surreal: Behind the Masks

WED MAR 25 7:00

Discussion with filmmakers Neil Diamond & Joanne Robertson. SO SURREAL: BEHIND THE MASKS is a wildly fascinating documentary that explores a connection between the work of several surrealist artists and indigenous ceremonial masks from the Yup'ik and Kwakwaka'wakwnations.

### Prof Picks



1954

### The Umbrellas of Cherbourg

THU MAR 26 7:00

Discussion with Andrew Lovett, Princeton University. This vibrant, colorful, and delightful musical from Jacques Demy is a staple of world cinema. Geneviève, played by an impossibly lovely Catherine Deneuve, is a Frenchwoman who works at a small-town boutique selling umbrellas.

### Cinema Studies Seminar



1997

### Cure

WED APR 1 7:30

Introductory lecture with Steven Chung for Cinema Studies Seminars ticket holders. A psychologically intense and spellbinding mystery that grabs you from the first frame and won't let go. A detective investigates a string of grisly, yet unrelated murders that bear similarities, which puts him into a cat and mouse game with an enigmatic young man.

### National Theatre Live



2025

### The Fifth Step

SUN APR 5 1:00

Olivier Award-winner Jack Lowden is joined by BAFTA-winner Martin Freeman in the critically acclaimed new play by David Ireland. After years in the 12-step program of Alcoholics Anonymous, James becomes a sponsor to newcomer Luka. But as Luka approaches step five, dangerous truths emerge, threatening the trust on which both of their recoveries depend.

### Reel Rebels



1928

### The Passion of the Joan of Arc

WED APR 8 7:30

With live accompaniment by Not So Silent Cinema. Chronicling the trial and final hours leading up to her execution, Dreyer's experimental approach with expressionistic lighting and intimate close-ups is a master stroke of cinema. Renée Falconetti's performance as Joan is one of the most powerful portrayals of the human spirit ever.

### Local Filmmakers



2026

### First Take Shorts

THU APR 9 7:30

Join us as we celebrate the work of local filmmakers with another installment of the First Take Shorts Series. Our diverse lineup will feature some of the best independently produced works by local filmmakers, who range from students to seasoned professionals. **Supported by a grant courtesy of the Vesta Fund.**

### Art on Screen



2025

### Caravaggio

SUN APR 12 1:00

This extensive exploration of the revolutionary artist, reveals Caravaggio as never before. Featuring testimony from leading experts from around the world, this latest doc immerses audiences in the hidden narratives of the artist's life. Piecing together clues embedded within his incredible art. Caravaggio's masterpieces are some of art's most instantly recognizable.

### Reel Rebels



1995

### Ghost in the Shell

WED APR 15 7:00

Based on the internationally renowned cyberpunk manga, GHOST IN THE SHELL is a staple of the anime genre. In 2029, a police officer and her partner are on the hunt for a criminal who hacks into the minds of cyborgs and humans alike. Delving into intricate themes of human identity vs. technology; challenging conventional gender norms; and critiquing corrupt governments.



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