A Glance at the World Through Film

Award-winning films from around the world

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Saturday February 4th at 2pm Tangerines (2015) Estonia/Georgia

Set in 1992, during the conflict between Georgia and Abkhazian separatists in the wake of the Soviet Union's dissolution,. Two Estonian immigrant farmers decide to remain in Georgia to harvest their tangerine crop. When the war comes to their doorsteps, they take in two wounded soldiers from opposite sides. The fighters vow to kill each other when they recover, but their extended period of recovery has a humanizing effect that might transcend ethnic divides. Set against a beautiful landscape defiled by war, this poetic film makes an eloquent statement for peace. Golden Globe and Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film in 2015. (In Estonian, Russian & Georgian with English subtitles.)



Saturday Marth 4th at 2pm The Scent of Green Papayas (1994) France/Vietnam

This Oscar-nominated, 1993 French-Vietnamese film begins in 1951 and ends more than a decade later during the start of the Vietnam War. Set almost entirely in a Saigon house owned by a wealthy shopkeeper, the story centers on 10-year-old orphan Mui, a servant who eventually becomes the object of her mistress' affection. The child is observant of everything from the scent of green papaya to the relationships between members of the household. As she grows into a beautiful young woman and her employers' fortunes decline, Mui leaves to work for a family friend, a sophisticated pianist with whom she slowly falls in love. (In Vietnamese with English subtitles.)



Saturday, April 1st at 2pm Tuya's Marriage (2006) Mongolia

Set in the remote inner Mongolian grassland, *Tuya's Marriage* is the moving tale of the wife of a paralyzed herdsman. Faced with a harsh reality, the couple decides to divorce so that Tuya can seek a better life for her family. Award winning film and director! (In Mandarin with English subtitles.)

*Free film screenings and refreshments. Discussion to follow led by Debbie Evans, Westville resident, world cinema buff.

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