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						-7:30 pm* w/Q&A DIGGING IN THE CRATES		
						-10 pm ECSTASY OF ORDER		
						-Midnight THE ARENA		
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#### Masters of Italian Exploitation: Luigi Bazzoni

## THE POSSESSED

Dir. Luigi Bazzoni & Franco Rossellini, 1965. Italy. 94 min **3/8 7:30pm • 3/13 10pm 3/23 5pm • 3/28 7:30pm** Bazzoni's first feature-length film, THE POSSESSED, is a mastery of slow-burn mystery and suspense. Upon returning to a sleepy lakeside town, a writer learns that the womar

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## THE FIFTH CORD

Dir. Luigi Bazzoni, 1971. Italy. 93 min **3/8 10pm • 3/12 10pm 3/18 10pm • 3/24 5pm** Andrea, an alcoholic journalist, is thrust into chaos after a killer targets his acquaintances. As the prime suspect, he must race against the clock to discover the killer's identity and clear his name. With cinematography by Vittori Storara (APOCALYPSE NOW), and a score by Ennio Morricone, THE FIFTH CORD is widely considered one of the most stunning Ciallos ever made.

## **NEKO-MIMI**

Dir. Jun Kurosawa, 1993. Japan. 80 min 3/9 10pm • 3/13 7:30pm 3/19 10pm • 3/25 10pm 3/30 7:30pm NEKO-MIMI is the dreamlike tale

of three girls and a boy whose time is spent playing games in a space resembling the ruins of a laboratory. Endless repetitions distort their sense of past, present, or future. They playfully toy with a body, dissecting its eyeballs and other parts. Surrounded by cameras, film, and projectors, the subjects embrace their surveillance, predicting our present panopticon.

## SINGULA

Dir. Yukihiko Tsutsumi. 2024. Japan. 76 min 3/77:30pm, \$10 w/Q&A 3/17 5pm • 3/22 Midnight 3/2810pm North American Premiere! Veteran cult filmmaker Yukihiko Tsutsumi, director of the Best of Spectacle 2023 smash hit EGG, returns to the goth bodega to premiere his newest film SINGULA, a debate club battle royale death game pitting fifteen human-like Al androids against each other in the ultimate debate to decide whether humanity should be destroyed.

## Lunar New Year Films

## IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD

Dir. Clifton Ko Chi-sum, 1987. Hong Kong. 100 min 3/110pm • 3/67:30pm 3/97:30pm • 3/187:30pm A TV reporter. Bill. struggles to make ends meet to support his wife, Lydia, and their three daughters in a rapidly changing Hong Kong. When Lydia wins the lottery, Bill assumes all their family's prayers will finally be answered. Yet after a series of compounding mishaps and misunderstandings, he begins to wonder if this stroke of good fortune may have ultimately changed the family's luck for the worse.

#### THE CHINESE FEAST

Dir. Tsui Hark, 1995. Hong Kong. 100 min **3/5 7:30pm • 3/15 10pm 3/20 7:30pm • 3/30 5pm** In this food-centric ensemble comedy, Au is a restaturanteur fighting to save his business from a takeover by the shady faceless megacorp Super Group. When Super Group challenges Au to a cook-off, he must assemble a team of chefs good enough to pull off the legendary Manchu Han Imperial Feast and save the restaurant.

## THE FREE CINEMA OF LORENZA MAZETTI 3/3 7:30pm • 3/16 7:30pm

**3/317:30pm** When Lorenza Mazetti passed away

in 2020 at 92, she left behind the legacy of a remarkable life and a small but powerful body of work that, when contrasted with her peers and collaborators, is largely underappreciated. She was a novelist, a filmmaker, a painter – and an intensely political ideologue who understood the importance of eschewing the power structures that contributed to the exploitation and suffering of people everywhere.

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THE CHINESE FEAST, TSUI HARK, 1995

## Grier/Markov: Savage Sisters

## BLACK MAMA, WHITE MAMA

Dir. Eddie Romero, 1973. United States/Philippines. 87 min **3/3 5pm • 3/11 10pm 3/15 Midnight • 3/29 10pm** Rich girl-turned-revolutionary, Karen (Markov), and brassy former prostitute, Lee (Crier), are the newest inmates at a Philippines jungle prison. When they escape while shackled together, the two enemy fugitives must learn to work together to survive the peril-laden jungles.

## THE HOT BOX

Dir. Joe Viola, 1972. United States/Philippines. 85 min 3/4 10pm • 3/16 Midnight 3/22 10pm • 3/26 7:30pm

Four American nurses working in the republic of San Rosario enter a hellish nightmare when they're kidnapped by guerilla army to provide medical assistance in their fight against an oppressive government regime. Tormented by every man that crosses their path, the women must band together in the dense jungle in pursuit of one shared goal: survival.

#### DISEMBODIED

Dir. William Kersten, 1998. United States. 78 min **3/8 Midnight · 3/10 5pm 3/23 10pm · 3/30 Midnight** On the run from her former employer, Connie Sproutz finds refuge in the basement of a derelict hotel. There, she reveals her secret: a mysterious brain being kept alive in a jar and an oozing, carnivorous, psychic pus bag on the side of her face. Languishing in the realm of sup-par VHS rips for decades, DISEMBODIED has returned to life through a special restorations and VFX facelift.

#### ACNE

Dir. Rusty Nails, 2000. United States. 65 min 3/5 10pm • 3/9 Midnight 3/11 7:30pm • 3/23 Midnight 3/26 10pm

A group of unsuspecting teenagers drink oil-contaminated water. Soon, these pubescent slackers mutate into zombified, acne-ridden freaksl Watch them prowl convenience stores looking for anything to satiate their appetite for grease. Can they expose the system that fried their brains? Or will they succumb to... ACNE??? Rusty Nails directs and stars in this campy send up of black and white creature features. Featuring songs by Devo, Dead Kennedys, Tilt and more! It's about time for this 16mm gem to see the light of day again!

## THE ARENA

Dir. Steve Carver, 1974. United States/Italy. 82 min 3/2 Midnight • 3/6 10pm 3/14 10pm • 3/19 7:30pm 3/29 Midnight

When the Roman elite force a group of female sex slaves to become gladiatrices tasked with fighting each other to the death, a Nubian dancer and a Caulish priestess join forces to mount a vicious rebellion against their male oppressors in this T&A-centrc take on Spartacus.

### WOMEN IN CAGES

Dir. Gerardo de León, 1971. United States/ Philippines. 81 min **3/1 Midnight • 3/12 7:30pm 3/2110pm • 3/30 10pm** In this bleak and brutal grindhouse film, Pam Grier steals the show as the villainous Alabama, the sadistic head matron of a prison in the jungles of Manila. When Carol "Jeff" Jeffries is framed by her drug dealer boyfriend and imprisoned there, she must escape the wrath of Alabama and a local drug kingpin looking to silence her.

### ECSTASY OF ORDER: THE TETRIS MASTERS

Dir. Adam Cornelius, 2011. United States. 93 min 3/2 10pm • 3/9 5pm, \$10 w/Q&A 3/29 7:30pm

It is estimated that 2/3 of Americans have played Tetris. A select few have made it their life's mission to master the deceptively simple game. This film is about those people. ECSTASY OF ORDER: THE TETRIS MASTERS follows the best Tetris players in the country as they prepare to compete in the Classic Tetris World Championship, earnestly dissecting competitive gaming while balancing the comedy and drama of its subjects' lives.



BLACK MAMA, WHITE MAMA, EDDIE ROMERO, 1973

## Two Films by Neville D'Almeida

## JARDIM DE GUERRA (WAR GARDEN)

Dir. Neville D'Almeida, 1967. Brazil. 92 min **3/16 1pm, \$10 w/Q&A** 

Set in Rio de Janeiro under the military dictatorship in the 1960s, JARDIM DE CUERRA follows a young leftist Edson and his love interest, aspiring filmmaker Maria. The film takes a dark turn when Edson, in an attempt to raise fast money for Maria's film, is baselessly arrested and tortured for his suspected involvement in a plot to overthrow the regime.

#### MANGUE BANGUE

Dir. Neville D'Almeida, 1971. Brazil. 62 min **3/16 3pm. \$10 w/O&A** 

The silent film loosely follows a stockbroker as he devolves into a primitive creature that raves between Rio de Janeiro's financial center and Mangue, the neighboring red-light district, before disappearing into the jungle. Blurring the line between documentary and fiction, D'Almeida integrated long sequences of actors and real people performing common tasks, from laundry to drug use, to capture the ordinary lives of criminal and marginalized figures in Brazil.

## CONSUMER GRADE VIDEO PRESENTS: SYSTEMS RESEARCH

Dir. Trevor Bather, 2024. United States. 75 min 3/23 7:30pm, \$10 w/Q&A World Premiere!

Agent Jones has just been briefed on his latest assignment: 24-hour surveillance duty of the paranoiac Unit Seven Four, a shut-in and writer that the agency have determined to be a threat to the populace. Jones spends his days simply at first: sleeping, spying, and training in the EXPERIENCE SIMULATOR. Soon, he receives a mysterious call: nothing is as it seems, and no one is to be trusted.

#### TESOROS

Dir. Flavia Furtado, 2023. Chile. 90 min 3/2 5pm • 3/16 10pm • 3/20 10pm 3/27 7:30pm, \$10 w/Q&A New York Premiere! This dreamy tour through Chile, Brazil, and Argentina's flea markets pieces together a tender portrait of Latin American street vendors that doubles as a biting critique of capitalist culture. Furtado's striking bricolage—a blend of street interviews, anecdotes, and urban legends—provides an illuminating glimpse at an undervalued corner of the Latin American economy.

# MOSS BEACH

Dir. Armon Mahdavi, 2023. United States. 73 min 3/4 7:30pm 3/10 7:30pm, \$10 w/Q&A 3/22 7:30pm, \$10 w/Q&A 3/27 10pm

A literary translator in San Francisco is unexpectedly visited by her niece, who she has not seen since a tragic family event. The two spend the weekend together in a small coastal town, where on hilly drives and misty beachside walks, in front of the fire, and over glasses of wine and plates of rigatoni, they discuss the power of literature and the perils of translation, share grief and regret, and find compassion and companionship.

# EVERY BOOK IS ABOUT THE SAME THING: THE MOVIE

Dir. Courtney Bush, 2023. United States. 82 min **3/14 7:30pm, \$10 w/Q&A** A lo-fi film adaptation of the director's first poetry collection, EVERY BOOK IS ABOUT THE SAME THING: THE MOVIE uses a steady voiceover reading to anchor associative, intimately gathered images which tell the story of a year of the filmmaker/poet's life, divided into three "seasons": divorce and grief, nervous breakdown at a Los Angeles Del Taco, and falling in love again while making art.

# WILLIAM BANKS VS. PEOPLE'S POPS

Dir. Sam Blumenfeld, 2024. United States. 20 min **3/710pm, \$10 w/Q&A 3/217:30pm, \$10 w/Q&A World Premiere!** On October 14th, 2018, William Banks was locked inside a walk-in freezer for 45 minutes. This short film examines William's trauma from the incident and his quest for revenge on People's Pops, in a delirious yet heartfelt comedy, performed and composed with madcap energy, that defies simple docu/mockmentary or fiction categorizations.



MOSS BEACH, ARMON MAHDDAVI, 2023