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**Late Spring 2019 Advance Publicity**  
(updated April 18 – May 12)  
All films open to the public  
Ticket Prices:  
$9 general admission/$7 seniors/  
$6.50 students/$5.50 CU graduate students and kids 12 & under  
$5.50 matinees (before 6:00pm)  
Advance tickets for **CatVideoFest** available at  
CornellCinemaTickets.com starring April 15  
All screenings in Willard Straight Theatre  
For more information visit [http://cinema.cornell.edu](http://cinema.cornell.edu)

**Ithaca Premiere**  
**A Tribute to the Late French Filmmaker Agnès Varda**  
**La Pointe Courte**  
Thursday, April 18  4:30  FREE  w/faculty panel discussion  
1956 > France > Directed by Agnès Varda  
With Philippe Noiret & Silvia Monfort  
The great Agnès Varda’s film career began with this graceful, penetrating study of a marriage on the rocks, set against the backdrop of a small Mediterranean fishing village. Both a stylized depiction of the complicated relationship between a married couple (played by Silvia Monfort and Philippe Noiret) and a documentary-like look at the daily struggles of the locals, Varda’s discursive, gorgeously filmed debut was radical enough to later be considered one of the progenitors of the coming French New Wave. Subtitled. More at janusfilms.com/films/1078.  
A post-screening discussion with Cornell faculty members: Laurent Dubreuil (Director of the French Studies), Claire Ménard (Lecturer of French), Tim Murray (Professor of English & Comparative Literature), Marie-Claire Vallois (Associate Professor of French). The event is cosponsored with the French Studies Program.  
1 hr 20 min

**Ithaca Premiere**  
**Long Day’s Journey into Night** – featuring a stunning 3D sequence!  
Thursday, April 18  7:00  
Sunday, April 21  7:00  
2018 > China > Directed by Bi Gan  
With Sylvia Chang, Tang Wei, Huang Jue  
"This noir-tinged film about a solitary man haunted by loss and regret is told in two parts: the first anachronological mosaic, the second a nocturnal dream. Bi Gan has created a film like nothing you’ve seen before, especially in the second half's hour-long, gravity-defying 3D sequence shot." (New York Film Festival) In Mandarin. Subtitled. More at kinolorber.com/film/long-days-journey-into-night  
2 hrs 20 min
On the Basis of Sex
Friday, April 19    7:00
Saturday, April 20  7:00
2018 > USA > Directed by Mimi Leder
With Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer, Justin Theroux
Young lawyer Ruth Bader Ginsburg teams with her husband Marty to bring a groundbreaking case before the U.S. Court of Appeals and overturn a century of gender discrimination. More at focusfeatures.com/on-the-basis-of-sex
2 hrs

2001: A Space Odyssey
Friday, April 19    9:30
Saturday, April 20  9:30
1968 > USA > Directed by Stanley Kubrick
With Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood
The film that defined science fiction was released over 50 years ago but it still packs a wallop, especially since its recent 4K digital restoration, described as "almost impossibly spectacular." "With music and mind-blowing visuals, Stanley Kubrick created a wildly popular avant-garde film that asked all of the biggest questions--without venturing any easy answers." (salon.com) If you haven't seen the new restoration on the big screen, you haven't seen it.
More at warnerbros.com/2001-space-odyssey
2 hrs 28 min

Ithaca Premiere
The Human Element
Monday, April 22    7:00    FREE  w/ photographer James Balog in person
2018 > USA > Directed by Matthew Testa
With James Balog
Renowned photographer James Balog (Chasing Ice) uses his camera to reveal how environmental change is affecting the lives of everyday Americans. Following the four classical elements - air, earth, fire and water - to frame his journey, Balog explores wildfires, hurricanes, sea level rise, coal mining, and the changes in the air we breathe. With compassion and heart, The Human Element tells an urgent story while giving inspiration for a more balanced relationship between humanity and nature. Presented by the Atkinson Forum in American Studies. More at thehumeanelementmovie.com
1 hr 16 min

Ithaca Premiere
Take it Down!: Recent Film Work by Sabine Gruffat and Bill Brown
Tuesday, April 23   7:00  w/ filmmakers Sabine Gruffat & Bill Brown in person
2018 > USA > Directed by Sabine Gruffat & Bill Brown
In this collection of recent work by North Carolina-based media artists Sabine Gruffat and Bill Brown, celluloid film serves as both a material register and critical resource for interrogating the documentary image. Whether using discontinuous montage, handmade techniques for creating and processing images, or dramatic reenactors, these films aim to extend the formal possibilities of non-fiction filmmaking.
1 hr 20 min

Ithaca Premiere
Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga (How I Felt When I Saw That Girl)
Wednesday, April 24 4:30  FREE  w/ filmmaker Shelly Chopra Dhar in person
2019 > India > Directed by Shelly Chopra Dhar
With Anil Kapoor, Juhi Chawla, Sonam Kapoor, Rajkummar Rao
Some love stories are not simple, Sweety's is one such story. She has to contend with her over-enthusiastic family that wants to get her married, a young writer who is completely smitten by her, a secret that she harbors close to her heart and ultimately the truth that her true love might not find acceptance in her family and society. “After India decriminalized homosexuality last September, many wondered anew: what would a Bollywood romcom look
and sound like with a non-straight protagonist? The answer, it transpires, is: much the same as any other Bollywood romcom. Shelly Chopra Dhar’s film, a groundbreaker in the garb of a crowdpleaser, is a light comedy of errors (tangentially inspired by PG Wodehouse’s *A Damsel in Distress*) shot in eye-caressing pastels, with a smattering of keening songs and the reassuring star presence of father-daughter pairing Anil Kapoor and Sonam Kapoor Ahuja.” (*The Guardian*) In Hindi. Subtitled. Sponsored by Out 4 Business and the Cornell India Association. 2 hrs

**Capernaum**  
Thursday, April 25  7:00  
Friday, April 26  7:00  
2018 > Lebanon > Directed by Nadine Labaki  
With Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw, Boluwatife Treasure Bankole  
A 12-year-old boy takes his parents to court, suing them for the crime of giving him life. "Nadine Labaki’s sensational new film... turns the plight of this lad growing up in the slums and streets of Beirut into a social-realist blockbuster - fired by furious compassion and teeming with sorrow, yet strewn with diamond-shards of beauty, wit and hope." (*The Telegraph*) Winner of the Jury Prize at Cannes. Lebanon’s submission for Best Foreign Language Film Oscar, and one of the five films nominated for the award. In Arabic & Amharic. Subtitled. More at sonyclassics.com/capernaum  
2 hrs 1 min

**Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse** – Encore Shows!  
Thursday, April 25  9:30 in 3D  
Friday, April 26  9:30 in 2D  
2018 > USA > Directed by Bob Persichetti, Peter Ramsey, Rodney Rothman  
With Shameik Moore, Jake Johnson, Hailee Steinfeld, Mahershala Ali  
Miles Morales becomes the Spider-Man of his reality and crosses paths with his counterparts from other dimensions to stop a threat to all reality. "It's terrific – a quick-witted entertainment, daring and familiar by turns, that also proves to be sweet, serious and irreverent in all the right doses." (Justin Chang, *Variety*) Awarded Best Animated Film of 2018 by the New York Film Critics Circle and Best Animated Feature Oscar! More at intothespiderverse.movie  
1 hr 57 min

**Ithaca Premiere**  
**Walking on Water**  
Wednesday, May 1  7:00  
Thursday, May 2  7:00  
2018 > Italy/USA > Directed by Andrey Paounov  
With Christo, Vladimir Yavachev  
Bulgarian director Andrey Paounov follows internationally renowned environmental artist Christo on his quest to realize the mammoth and logistically complex installation, *The Floating Piers*, on Italy’s Lake Iseo, seven years after the death of Christo’s collaborator wife, Jeanne-Claude. An illuminating portrait of a master artist and the arduous business of bringing an ambitious work to life. Subtitled. More at kinolorber.com/film/walking-on-water  
1 hr 45 min

**Ithaca Premiere**  
**Shadow**  
Thursday, May 9  7:30  
Friday, May 10  9:00  
Saturday, May 11  9:00  
Sunday, May 12  7:30  
2019 > China > Directed by Zhang Yimou  
With Deng Chao, Sun Li, Zheng Kai, Wang Qianyuan  
In a kingdom ruled by a young and unpredictable king, the military commander has a secret weapon: a “shadow,” a look-alike who can fool both his enemies and the King himself. Now he must use this weapon in an intricate plan
that will lead his people to victory in a war that the King does not want. Based on the fabled “Three Kingdoms” saga of Chinese legend... Shadow is a knotty tale of palace intrigue, old grudges and crafty doppelgangers. Director Zhang Yimou (*Hero, House of Flying Daggers*) once again pushes the boundaries of *wuxia* action to create a film like no other, masterfully painting a canvas of inky blacks and greys punctuated with bursts of color from the blood of the defeated. “Shadow [is] a thrilling return to form, which matches Zhang’s best work for the sheer voracious elegance of the images and possibly surpasses much of it for inventiveness.” (*Variety*) In Mandarin. Subtitled. More at wellgousa.com/films/shadow

1 hr 55 min

**CatVideoFest** w/master of purremonies Leah Shafer ’94/’99/’08
Friday, May 10 7:00
Saturday, May 11 7:00

**CatVideoFest** is a compilation reel of the latest and best cat videos culled from countless hours of unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos, and, of course, classic internet powerhouses. Cornell Cinema is excited to bring back this joyous communal experience, and raise money for cats in need! 10% of the proceeds will go to the SPCA of Tompkins County. This super entertaining interactive event — which will include cat trivia & door prizes — is cosponsored with the Cornell Feline Health Center, Cornell Vet Feline Club and Cat's Pajamas, a fun store for kids and kids at heart, located in the DeWitt Mall in downtown Ithaca. Leah Shafer ’94/’99/’08 (Media and Society, Hobart & William Smith Colleges) has written about the phenomenon of online cat videos. Recommended for all ages! More at catvideofest.com. Advance tickets available at CornellCinemaTickets.com starting April 15.

1 hr 10 min