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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 starting April 15

All screenings in Willard Straight Theatre

For more information visit <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

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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 an achronological 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

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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 thehumanelementmovie.com

1 hr 16 min

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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

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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

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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

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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 purrmonies Leah Shafer '94/'99/'08

Friday, May 10 7:00

Saturday, May 11 7:00

2019 > Various > Directed by Various

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