



Film
Program

AMERICAN CENTER

ADVENTURE

North By Northwest (1959)

Running Time: 136 min.

January 6-9

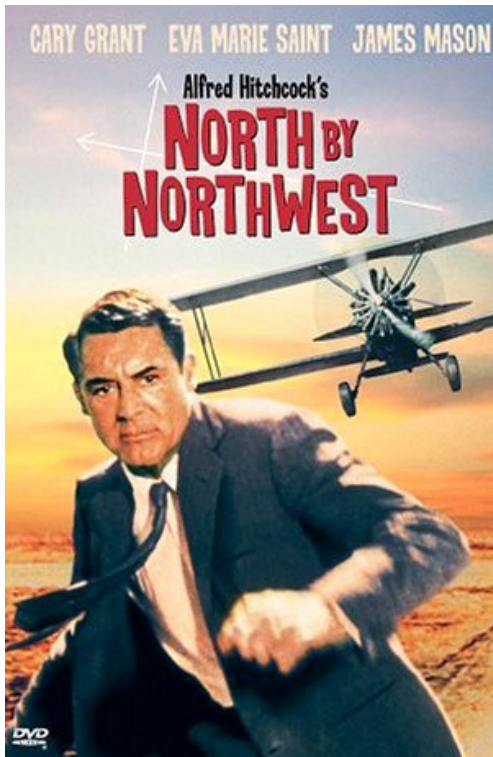
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January 10

9:00 a.m.

North by Northwest is Alfred Hitchcock's most effervescent in a romantic comedy-thriller that also features one of the definitive Cary Grant performances. Although this film is over 2 hours long, there's no way you can be bored - the suspense is so intense you'll be chewing your nails the whole time. James Mason plays one of the most sinister of Hitchcock's villains and Eva Marie Saint looks gorgeous and plays her part well. The plot is that a suave, successful

New York advertising executive finds himself, through a case of mistaken identity, embroiled in a web of intrigue and murder that takes him across the country to prove his innocence to the police and get an evil crime syndicate, looking for a lost microfilm, off his tail. There are the famous set pieces: the stabbing at the United Nations, the crop-duster plane attack in the cornfield, and the cliffhanger finale atop the stone faces of Mount Rushmore.



Starring: Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, James Mason, Jessie Royce Landis, Leo G. Carroll

Director: Alfred Hitchcock

Genre: Adventure and Thriller

Into the Wild (2007)

Running Time: 140 min.

January 13-16

1:00 p.m.

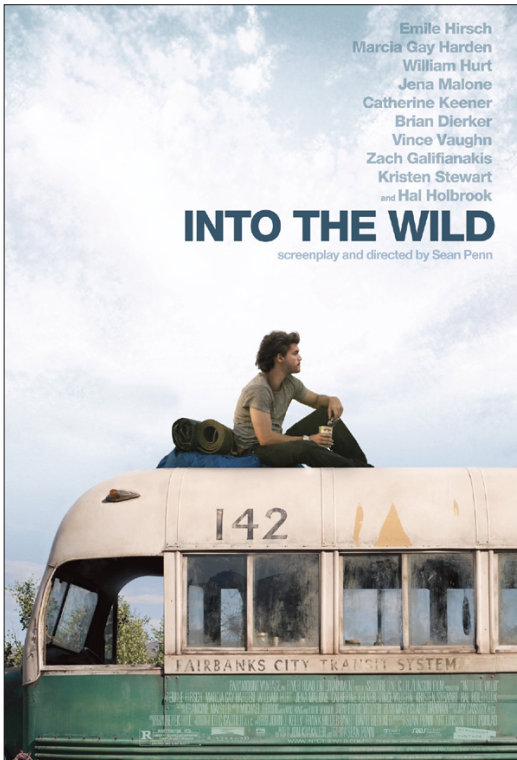
Freshly graduated from college with a promising future, 22 year-old Christopher McCandless instead walked out of his privileged life and into the wild in search of adventure. What happened to him on the way transformed this young wanderer into an enduring symbol for countless people. Was Christopher McCandless a heroic adventurer or a naive idealist, a rebellious 1990s Thoreau? McCandless' quest took him from the wheat fields of South Dakota to a renegade trip down the Colorado River to the non-conformists' refuge of Slab City, California, and beyond. Along the way,

he encountered a series of colorful characters at the very edges of American society who shaped his understanding of life and whose lives he, in turn, changed. In the end, he tested himself by heading alone into the wilds of the great North, where everything he had seen and learned and felt came to a head in ways he never could have expected.

Starring: Emile Hirsch, Marcia Gay Harden, William Hurt, Hal Holbrook, Catherine Keener

Director: Sean Penn

Genre: Adventure/ Drama



Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981)

Running Time: 115 min.

January 20-23
January 24

1:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.

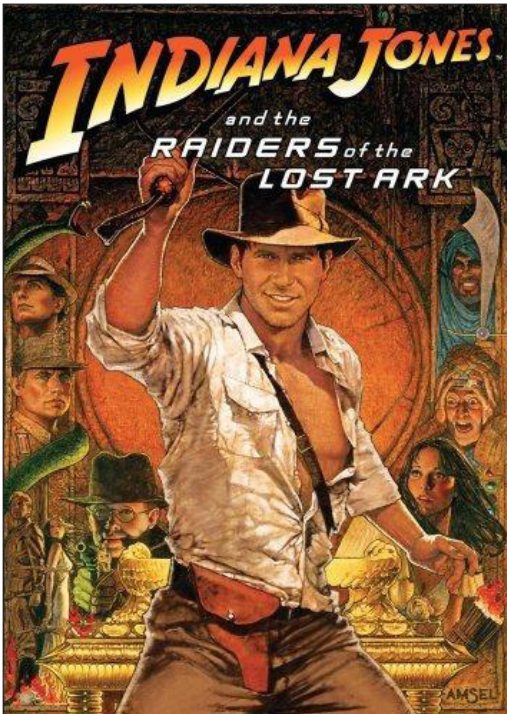
Indiana Jones is no ordinary archeologist. When we first see him, he is somewhere in the Peruvian jungle in 1936, running a booby-trapped gauntlet (complete with an over-sized rolling boulder) to fetch a solid-gold idol. He loses this artifact to his chief rival, a French archeologist named Belloq (Paul Freeman). Indy eludes Belloq by hopping into a convenient plane. The next time we see Jones, he's a soft-spoken, bespectacled professor. He is then summoned to find the long-lost Ark of the Covenant. The Nazis are already

searching for the Ark. Archeologist and university professor Indiana Jones must retrieve the mythic Lost Ark before it gets into the hands of Adolf Hitler who plans on using its power to guarantee his global conquest.

Starring: Harrison Ford,
Karen Allen,
Paul Freeman,
Ronald Lacey,
John Rhys Davies

Director: Steven Spielberg

Genres: Adventure/Action



Stand By Me (1986)

Running Time: 87 min.

January 27-30
January 311:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.

In a small woody Oregon town, a group of friends - sensitive Gordie (Wil Wheaton), tough guy Chris (River Phoenix), flamboyant Teddy (Corey Feldman), and scaredy-cat Vern (Jerry O'Connell) - are in search of a missing teenager's body. Wanting to be heroes in each other's and their hometown's eyes, they set out on an unforgettable two-day trek that turns into an odyssey of self-discovery. They sneak smokes, tell tall tales, cuss 'cause it's cool and band together when the going gets tough. When they encounter the town's knife-wielding hoods (including Kiefer Sutherland) who are

also after the body, the boys discover strength they never knew they had. *Stand By Me* is a rare and special film about friendship and the indelible experiences of growing up. Filled with humor and suspense, the movie is based on the novella *The Body* by Stephen King.

Starring: Wil Wheaton,
River Phoenix,
Corey Feldman,
Jerry O'Connell,
Kiefer Sutherland

Director: Rob Reiner

Genre: Adventure/ Drama

