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FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 7:15 PM

AMAZING GRACE
(UK/USA 2006 - MICHAEL APTED - 117 mins)

1797, William Wilberforce, the great crusader for the British abolition of slavery, is taking a vacation for his health even while he is sicker at heart for his frustrated cause. However, meeting the charming Barbara Spooner, Wilberforce finds a soulmate to share the story of his struggle. With few allies such as his mentor, John Newton, a slave ship captain turned repentant priest who penned the great hymn, "Amazing Grace," Prime William Pitt, and Olaudah Equiano, the erudite former slave turned author, Wilberforce fruitlessly fights both public indifference and moneyed opposition determined to keep their exploitation safe. Nevertheless, Wilberforce finds the inspiration in newfound love to rejuvenate the fight with new ideas that would lead to a great victory for social justice.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 7:15 PM

REVENGE OF THE ELECTRIC CAR
(USA 2011 - CHRIS PAINE - 90 mins)

"Revenge of the Electric Car" presents the recent resurgence of electric vehicles as seen through the eyes of four pioneers of the EV revolution. Director Chris Paine ("Who Killed the Electric Car?" 2006) has had unprecedented access to the electric car research and development programs of General Motors, Nissan, and Tesla Motors, while also following Gadget, a part-time electric car converter from Culver City who refuses to wait for the international car makers to create the electric vehicles which the public and the Environment demands.

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(DIRECTOR CHRIS PAINE AND CAST
MEMBER GADGET WILL ATTEND)



TUESDAY, MARCH 6 7:15 PM

LA MISSION
(USA 2009 - PETER BRAIT - 117 mins)

Growing up in the Mission district of San Francisco, Che Rivera (Benjamin Bratt) has always had to be tough to survive. He's a powerful man respected throughout the Mission barrio for his masculinity and his strength, as well as for his hobby building beautiful lowriders. A reformed inmate and recovering alcoholic, Che has worked hard to redeem his life and do right by his pride and joy: his only son, Jes, whom he has raised on his own after the death of his wife. Che's path to redemption is tested, however, when he discovers Jes is gay. To survive his neighborhood, Che has always lived with his fists. To survive as a complete man, he'll have to embrace a side of himself he's never shown.

VIEW TRAILER - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTKW3nGnAs>



TUESDAY, MARCH 20 7:15 PM

THE GARDEN

OSCAR NOMINEE - BEST FEATURE DOCUMENTARY
(USA 2008 - SCOTT HAMILTON KENNEDY - 80 mins)

The fourteen-acre community garden at 41st and Alameda in South Central Los Angeles was the largest of its kind in the United States. Started as a form of healing after the devastating L.A. riots in 1992, the South Central Farmers created a miracle in one of the country's most blighted neighborhoods. Growing their own food. Feeding their families. Creating a community. But now, bulldozers are poised to level their urban oasis.

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& MCGRATH FAMILY FARM
(DIRECTOR SCOTT HAMILTON KENNEDY
(VFS 2011 "O.T. OUR TOWN") WILL ATTEND)



THURSDAY, APRIL 1 7:15 PM

THE FAST RUNNER
(CANADA 2001 - ZACHARIAS KUNUK - 172 mins)

"The Fast Runner" (Atanarjuat), based on an ancient folk epic. Centuries ago, in what would become the Canadian Arctic, Atuat is promised to the malevolent Oki, son of the leader of their tribe. But Atuat loves the good-natured Atanarjuat, who ultimately finds a way to marry her. Oki's sister, Puja also fancies Atanarjuat, and when she causes strife between him and his brother Atanarjuat, Oki seizes the opportunity to wreak a terrible revenge on Atanarjuat. nadian province of Nunavut. It is the first feature film made in the Inuktitut language by an almost entirely Inuit cast and crew.

VIEW TRAILER - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l_b-n3BAQU8&feature=related



THURSDAY, APRIL 17 7:15 PM

THE WOODMANS
(USA 2010 - Scott Willis - 82 mins)

The Woodmans are a family of well-known artists bonded in their belief of art-making as the highest form of expression. But for their daughter Francesca - one of the late 20th century's most recognized and influential photographers - fame came only after a tragedy that would forever scar the family. With unrestricted access to all of Francesca's photographs, private diaries and experimental videos, The Woodmans traces the story of a family broken and then healed by their art.

VIEW TRAILER - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=074vh118rs8>



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