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Laurier free film series explores 25 years of adaptations

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University’s Department of English and Film Studies presents its fifth annual series of free movies, titled “From the Source: 25 Years of Film Adaptations.” The Friday-evening screenings, which showcase notable adaptations of the past quarter-century, will be introduced by a Laurier faculty member or PhD student, who will provide insight into the film and the process of its adaptation.

On Nov. 16, Jesse Wentte, CBC film critic and head of film programmes for the Toronto International Film Festival, will present the film *Atanarjuat (The Fast Runner)*.

Unless otherwise noted, the screenings begin at 7 p.m. in BA201, a classroom that boasts auditorium seating and the largest movie screen on Laurier’s Waterloo campus.

- Sept. 21: Assistant Professor Jing Jing Chang presents *The Princess Bride* (Rob Reiner, 1987)
- Sept. 28: PhD student Michael McCleary presents *The English Patient* (Anthony Minghella, 1996)
- Oct. 12: Assistant Professor Sandra Annett presents *Akira* (Katsuhiro Otomo, 1988)
- Oct. 19: PhD student Margaret Clark presents *Persepolis* (Marjane Satrapi, 2007)
- Oct. 26: Associate Professor Russell Kilbourn presents *No Country for Old Men* (Joel and Ethan Coen, 2007)
- Nov. 2: Associate Professor Philippa Gates presents *Doubt* (John Patrick Shanley 2008)
- Nov. 9: PhD candidate Elizabeth Clarke presents *Beau Travail* (Claire Denis, 1999)
- Nov. 16: CBC film critic Jesse Wentte presents *Atanarjuat (The Fast Runner)* (Zacharias Kunuk, 2001). This screening begins at 5 p.m.
- Nov. 23: PhD candidate Patrick Faubert presents *An Education* (Lone Scherfig, 2009)
- Nov. 30: Associate Professor James Weldon presents *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy (Peter Jackson, 2001-03). This screening begins at 5 p.m.

The film series is co-sponsored by the Department of English and Film Studies, the Office of the Dean of Arts, the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives, the Laurier Bookstore and the Laurier Film Society (a WLUSU club).

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