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Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies
Youngstown State University
One University Plaza
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Payment may be made by check or money order made payable to **YSU Youngstown Area Jewish Film Festival**, Center for Judaic and Holocaust Studies, Youngstown State University, One University Plaza, Youngstown, Ohio 44555. Tickets may also be purchased at the Jewish Community Center Bursar's Office, 505 Gypsy Lane, Youngstown, Ohio 44505.

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2008
YOUNGSTOWN AREA
Jewish Film Festival

Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 7:00 pm
Youngstown State University, Kilcawley Center Ohio Room
and

Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 4:00 pm
Youngstown State University, Kilcawley Center James Gallery
THESE TWO SCREENINGS OF *SCHINDLER'S LIST* ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Schindler's List

Feature Film
Directed by Steven Spielberg
USA, 1993, 195 minutes, English

Schindler's List presents the indelible true story of the enigmatic Oskar Schindler, a member of the Nazi party, womanizer and war profiteer who saved the lives of more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust. It is the triumph of one man who made a difference, and the drama of those who survived one of the darkest chapters in human history because of what he did.

The film stars an acclaimed cast headed by Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley, Ralph Fiennes, Caroline Goodall, Jonathan Segalle, and Embeth Davidtz.

Winner of seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director



Sunday, September 14, 2008, 4:00 pm
Youngstown State University, DeBartolo Hall Auditorium

Praying with Lior

Documentary
Directed by Ilana Trachtman
USA, 2007, 87 minutes, English

Lior Liebling has Down syndrome and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. Is he a “spiritual genius,” as many around him say, or simply the vessel containing everyone’s unfulfilled wishes and expectations?

Lior - whose name means “my light” - lost his mother at age six, and her words and spirit hover over the film. While everyone agrees Lior is closer to God, he’s also a burden, a best friend, an inspiration, and an embarrassment, depending on which family member is speaking. As Lior approaches Bar Mitzvah, different characters provide a window into life spent “praying with Lior.” The movie poses difficult questions such as what is “disability” and who really talks to God? Told with intimacy and humor, *it is* a family story, a triumph story, a grief story, a divinely-inspired story.



Audience Award Best Documentary Boston, DC, San Diego, Seattle, and Vancouver Jewish Film Festivals
Critics Pick: New York Times, Washington Post, Philadelphia Inquirer, and New York Magazine

Wednesday, September 17, 2008, 7:00 pm
USA Cinema, 930 Great East Plaza, Niles

Steel Toes

Feature Film
Directed by David Gow & Mark Adam
Canada, 2006, 90 minutes, English

A Canadian skinhead is accused of a brutal hate crime murder. His court-appointed attorney, Oscar-nominee David Strathairn (*Good Night and Good Luck*), happens to be Jewish. The tense, sometimes explosive interaction between these two wary adversaries who are forced to cooperate with each other eventually leads to understanding and respect, but at a high personal price. “*Steel Toes* is a powerful and provocative exploration of the inescapable and insidious presence of racial and religious intolerance in our society.”



Best Feature Film Beverly Hills Film Festival and Palm Beach Jewish Film Festival

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Sunday, September 21, 2008, 1:00 pm
The Butler Institute of American Art, Wick Avenue

Knowledge is the Beginning

Documentary
Directed by Paul Smaczny
Germany, 2006, 115 minutes, Arabic/English/German/Hebrew with English subtitles

In the early 1990s, a chance meeting between the Israeli pianist Daniel Barenboim and the late Palestinian-born writer and Columbia University professor Edward Said resulted in a unique friendship that has had both political and musical repercussions. Their meeting led to the creation of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra where young Arabs and Jews from Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Tunisia perform side by side. The film, an unusual hybrid of a world-class concert movie and a documentary about artistic diplomacy, chronicles rehearsals, summer workshops, concerts and after-concert celebrations. The most moving and indelible scenes are of the students playing together. For Barenboim, founder of the ensemble, the orchestra is a symbol for what could be achieved in the Middle East. Said-who felt that the orchestra was one of the most important things he had done in his life-eloquently advocates for young Israelis and Arabs to gain greater mutual understanding, quietly stating, “Ignorance is not a strategy for sustainable survival.”

The West-Eastern Divan Orchestra is the only orchestra in the world comprised of young Arab and Jewish musicians performing together. Through seven years of documentation, the director illustrates how problems and prejudices are overcome through the desire to make great music.

International Emmy Award 2006 Arts Programming; Documentary of Highest Cultural Value, DOCFEST Palermo; Best Documentary 2007 San Francisco Jewish Film Festival



Thursday, September 25, 2008, 7:00 pm
USA Cinema, 930 Great East Plaza, Niles

Jellyfish

Feature Film
Directed by: Shira Geffen and Etgar Keret
Israel, 2007, 78 minutes, Hebrew with English subtitles

From the very first frame in *Jellyfish*, there is more than meets the eye. In modern-day Tel Aviv three women’s lives intersect for a moment at a wedding. Keren, the bride, breaks her ankle, ruining her plans for a Caribbean honeymoon. Batya, a waitress at the reception, later finds a lost girl on the beach who appears to her out of the Mediterranean wearing nothing but an inner-tube. Joy, a Filipino home health aid attending the party with one of her clients, takes care of others’ elderly parents while her own young son is left behind to be raised by someone else. *Jellyfish* is a remarkable film that weaves these three stories together with visual poetry, magical moments and a humorous sense of melancholy. All of the characters in the film struggle with disappointments of varying degree in a universe that is random yet tantalizingly tinged with meaning and promises of human connection. This break-through collaboration by writer/directors Etgar Keret (author of *The Bus Driver Who Wanted to Be God*) and Shira Geffen is filled with memorable characters and stunning visual tableaux that linger in the memory long after the lights come up.



Winner of the Camera d’Or at the 2007 Cannes Film Festival

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Ticket prices are as follows:

- \$8.00Adult single ticket
- \$24.00Adult Festival Pass
- \$7.00Senior single ticket
- \$21.00Senior Festival Pass
- \$5.00Student single ticket
- \$15.00Student Festival Pass

USA Cinema

USA Cinema is located at 930 Great East Plaza, Niles, Ohio 44446.

Complimentary Parking at YSU

For the September 9 and 10 *Schindler's List* features, theatergoers are encouraged to use the M-1 parking deck on Wick Avenue. Park on the 4th level, take the pedestrian bridge across Wick Avenue and walk straight up to Kilcawley Center.

For the September 14 *Playing with Lior* feature, please use the M-24 parking lot at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Grant Street, enter off Grant Street. Park closest to Arlington Street and cross Fifth Avenue. Access to DeBartolo Hall Auditorium is through the south or west doors.

Parking for the Butler

Please use the F-1 parking lot on University Plaza for the September 21 film *Knowledge is the Beginning* to be shown in Zona Auditorium at the Butler Institute of American Art.

PLEASE SEND ME THE FOLLOWING TICKETS FOR THE 2008 YOUNGSTOWN AREA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL:

- _____ \$24.00 Adult Festival Pass, all five films
- _____ \$8.00 Adult single ticket
- _____ \$21.00 Senior Festival Pass, all five films
- _____ \$7.00 Senior single ticket
- _____ \$15.00 Student Festival Pass, all five films
- _____ \$5.00 Student single ticket

If purchasing single tickets, please indicate below which films you will be attending and the number of tickets you will need:

- _____ Schindler’s List (free film, not included in Festival Pass pricing)
- _____ Praying with Lior
- _____ Steel Toes
- _____ Knowledge is the Beginning
- _____ Jellyfish



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