DON'T THINK TWICE

New from comedian Mike Birbiglia
Opens Friday, August 19

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016
Dear Bellingham,

I love my son and I think he is a smart person but every once in a while he says something that makes my head spin, and usually his view is based on spongy susceptibility to conspiracy theories. His willingness to believe feeds the inner alarmist behind my outer cynic. I wish that his high school teachers had required students to pull their phones out of their pockets instead of to put them away. His vulnerability to truth-tampering might be stronger if teachers had sat him down and teased apart some of the manipulation that was selling him deodorant or pointed out how creepy music plus dramatic lighting make benign images scary, or that lies, repeated enough times in the media, become accepted as truth. None of that was in the curriculum.

Here we are, three months away from a national election, and I can’t think of a subject more topical than Media Literacy. This concerned citizen is letting you know that Media Literacy is now high on the agenda of Pickford Film Center.

We have funding from Humanities Washington to take a Media Literacy workshop into 80 middle school classrooms this coming school year. Our aim is to help our kids learn to access, analyze and evaluate the media that is bombarding them so it is clear who is reaching out to them and what they are being asked to believe as well as how to be mindful of the persuasive techniques that make them react. We are happy to take these lessons to PTA meetings and high school classrooms as well. Contact me if you are interested in how it can happen at your school.

My favorite Pickford event is Rooftop Cinema! We will be presenting two films in August. On Friday the 5th, Little Miss Sunshine, the roadtrip to end all roadtrips (for grandpa) plays along with surf rock band Sanoma. Adding extra value to this free event will be a vintage VW kombi show. Bring your camera! Closing out the series on August 19 is the masterpiece, West Side Story. Preceding the movie you can participate in show tunes karaoke. Start practicing now.

Summertime in Bellingham is the best.

Susie Purves, Executive Director

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COMING IN AUGUST

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC
Dir: Matt Ross  
Cast: Viggo Mortensen, Frank Langella, Kathryn Hahn  

Around these parts, a man who wants to raise six kids on Marxism and athletic activity in a yurt deep in the woods isn’t enough to raise an eyebrow, much less alarm. That’s exactly what Viggo Mortensen is doing in this affecting family drama. The children are intellectually inquisitive, self-sufficient and generally remarkable, making Mortensen’s off-grid experiment to be an unqualified success, until tragedy forces the brood into the real world with decidedly mixed—and sometimes devastatingly humorous—outcomes. The young actors are superb, but it’s Mortensen, with all snappy appearance and deeply felt humanity that makes this movie more than live up to its title.

LIFE, ANIMATED
Dir: Roger Ross Williams  
Cast: Owen Suskind, Jerusalem Block, Dan Rattiner  

It is true that we show a lot of heavy movies at the Pickford. Although acclaimed Japanese director Hirokazu Koreeda (After Life, Still Walking) centers this adaptation of Akimi Yoshida’s manga Umimachi Diary around themes of abandonment and loss, this is a kind, gentle, deeply poignant film. Three adult siblings, abandoned by their parents, journey to the countryside for their long-absent father’s funeral. Once there, they meet a fourth sister, a teenager, and spontaneously decide to ask her to come live with them in the large house they all share. Months, seasons, many years, and the siblings get along with their hefty, quirky affairs, strengthening the glue of their bond. Lovely and tender, this will leave you feeling uplifted.

OUR LITTLE SISTER
Dir: Hirokazu Koreeda  
Cast: Haruka Ayase, Masami Nagasawa, Kaho  

8.16 INSPIRED TO RIDE
In the new film from the makers of RIDE the Divide, we follow a handful of cyclists as they race unsupported in the inaugural year of The Trans Am Bike Race. It’s the antithesis to events like Tour de France and Race Across America. There are no teams, no support vehicles, no special jerseys and not a dime in prize money.

8.25 DOG POWER
Welcome to the incredible and relatively unknown world of dog-powered sports! This powerful doc features first-of-its-kind footage of the best in the world racing in canicross, skijoring, scooterjoring, pulka racing, cart and sprint sled dog racing.

DIEYING TO KNOW: RAM DASS AND TIMOTHY LEARY
Dir: Gay Dillingham  
Cast: Ram Dass, Dr. Timothy Leary, Robert Redford  

They began as Harvard psychology professors with a shared interest in probing the edges of consciousness via the use of psychedelics. One of them, Timothy Leary, would spawn an LSD counter-culture that lived by the mantra “Turn on, tune in and drop out” and would spend time in jail after being dubbed the “most dangerous man in America” by President Nixon. The other, Richard Alpert, made a pilgrimage to the East, where he became Ram Dass, and returned to lead a movement of his own and write a book—Be Here Now— that influences spiritual seekers to this day. At the end of this intimate documentary chronicles 50 years of a legendary friendship. 2014. 99 min. United States. In English. Unrated.

8.18 MY LOVE, DON’T CROSS THAT RIVER
Dir: Wimisak Korseda  
Cast: Thanapat Saisaymaksan, Montree Pongsakul, Aranya Sanghamitra  

8.27 YOUTH ADVENTURE PROGRAM
High-energy short films that will make all ages enjoy kids climbing, biking and working to save the environment. Sitin around for free Aceo ice cream, a bike clinic with RRAD, face painting, and “The Real Food Show”-sponsored by the Community Food Co-op. USA, 34 min.

8.9 CLASS OF ’27
Free admission! In a depth look at the people who overcome considerable odds to bring early education to impoverished rural America. USA, 90 min.

AUGUST SPECIAL EVENTS

ENTERTAINMENT BY YOUR FRIENDS: Free admission! Come hang with your favorite friends and support other local filmmakers! This year, we’re screening the following films:

8.18 MY LOVE, DON’T CROSS THAT RIVER 2016. Japan. In Japanese w/English subtitles. 128 min. PG.

THE REAL FOOD SHOW 2016. USA. 34 min.

LIFE, ANIMATED 2016. United States. In English. 82 min. R.

YEAR ZERO 2016. United States. In English. 20 min. G.


DIARY OF A CANICROSSER 2014. USA. 88 min.

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC 2016. United States. In English. 118 min. R.

DON’T THINK TWICE 2016. United States. In English. 92 min. R.

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**THE BEATLES: EIGHT DAYS A WEEK**

 Dir: Ron Howard  
 Cast: John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr  

 Only something as big as the Beatles could make the Pickford start a film on a Thursday rather than Friday, but when your movie title references an eight-day week, and the movie is a documentary about the Fab Four directed by Ron Howard (Oscar, Emmy and Golden Globe winner), one could sense it was a little. The doc only covers a four-year span—1962-1966—but what a spot it was, when the Turtles took Liverpool took the world by storm, making history and changing music forever in an act that no one has managed to follow since. Rife with never-before-seen archival and behind-the-scenes footage, and made with the full cooperation of the surviving Beatles, this is a trip down a musical memory lane like no other.  


**THE HOLLARS**

 Dir: John Krasinski  
 Cast: Anna Kendrick, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, John Krasinski  

 John Krasinski, one of the more engaging men on the planet, plays a guy who doesn’t want to get engaged to his trailer-park pregnant girlfriend (the equally engaging Anna Kendrick) — but that’s the least of his problems in this charming dramedy that marks the The Office alum’s second crack at directing a feature film. His real issue is the health crisis being suffered by his mom (the incomparable Meryl Streep), which forces him home to the small town he’d long since left behind. Add in a host of quirky characters with issues of their own (played to the hilt by Charlie Day, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Richard Jenkins, and more), and you have family dysfunction writ large and small, hilarious and heartbreaking in equal measure.  


**LONDON ROAD**

 Dir: Rufus Norris  
 Cast: Tom Hardy, Olivia Colman, Clare Burt  

 An affecting docudrama about the Southwark neighborhood where five women were murdered in six weeks in 2000. The film—which began its life as a critically acclaimed play at London’s National Theatre—has a script assembled entirely from interviews with area residents, police, media and sex workers. It is their story, told literally in their own words. An impressive feat, to be sure, but made even more compelling when you consider that London Road’s dry, no-nonsense dramatization, but instead the most unorthodox musical you’ll likely ever see. Even more compelling when you consider that when Jones was diagnosed with cancer in 2013, she brought that power to bear in what was to be a fight for her life. Director Barbara Kopple (Shut Up and Sing) was on hand to chronicle it all, from Jones’ darkest days to her triumphant return to the stage. Make no mistake: Sharon Jones is a queen.  


**SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS**

**9.6 TED TALKS: EDUCATION REVOLUTION**  
 Free! Some of the world’s greatest thinkers and doers focus on how education is changing to adapt to our new digital world, examining what the future classroom might look like and the impact of online teaching. USA. 60 min. Digital. Free!

**9.8 ONE MORE TIME WITH FEELING**  
 Free! The first opportunity anyone will have to hear any of the songs from the new Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds album, Skeleton Tree, will be in to catch the feature film directed by Andrew Dominik (Chopper). For one night only, the film will be shown in cinemas worldwide — including your very own PFC. 95min, Unrated.

**9.11 YOU’RE LOOKIN’ AT COUNTRY: TOUGH LOVE**  
 FREE! (PARENTING EDITION)  
 For sale to the children, we urge you to attend this master class in parenting, hosted by Liz Shepherd, with tuneful tips culled from classic videos performances by child-rearing experts including Conway Twitty, Loretta Lynn, and the late, great Merle Haggard. These folk-country deities impart their wisdom about the dreadful dichotomy between how perfect their own mothers and fathers were, and yet, how horribly they went down. So join us for an instructive evening of tales about philandering dads, depressive mamas, heartbroken kiddos, and alcohol-fueled destruction of the family unit. You’ll leave the show uplifted and buoyant, realizing your own childhood was perhaps not quite so bad as you remember it.

**9.21 ART HOUSE THEATER DAY**  
 You are familiar with Record Store Day and Independent Bookstore Day, right? This year, for the first time ever, Art House cinemas around the country get their own day to celebrate the things that make our magical movie theaters so special. Enjoy tours of the Pickford, exclusive releases like new shorts from A24 Films, Panco, special reunions (Time Bandits!!!), and exclusive merch. Plus — Free Popcorn all day long!
**SUMMER FILM SERIES**

Many of our film series are on hiatus for the summer, but two of our favorites are holding strong to take us through the next few sweltering summer months!

Did we mention that all of our cinemas are air conditioned?

**PICKFORD FAMILY MATINEES**

Bring your kids, bring your parents, bring friends or a date and catch a classic Saturday matinee for only $1 followed by an optional group discussion.

August 13
Kiki’s Delivery Service

September 10
Matilda

October 8
Mad Hot Ballroom

November 12
The Pirates! Band of Misfits

December 10
Hugo

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July 31 + August 2
Sept 25 + 28

Sunday, August 14 at 11:00 AM
Starring Ralph Fiennes

Sunday, August 7 at 11:00 AM
Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30
Rooftop Cinema

AT THE PARKADE

Friday, August 5

LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE

This Academy Award winning film follows the quirky Hoover family on an 800-mile journey in their yellow Volkswagen Van to a beauty pageant in California.

LIVE MUSIC BY SANOMA • VINTAGE VW CAR + BUS SHOW

Friday, August 19

WEST SIDE STORY

Tony and Maria, two star-crossed lovers from rival New York City gangs fall in love, but tensions between their respective friends build toward tragedy.

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