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Milwaukee Film Celebrates Iconic Actress Pam Grier and Acclaimed Editor Thelma Schoonmaker at the Oriental Theatre This March

Milwaukee Film's previously announced Let's Dig In environmental film series and National Theatre Live screenings also continue throughout the month

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MILWAUKEE – Thursday, February 20th – March at the Oriental Theatre is full of incredible cinematic opportunities, like the previously announced one-night-only screening and Q&A of new movie musical <u>The End</u>, the rescheduled screening of <u>Lifers</u> with Scott Lucas of LOCAL H, and two repertory series that celebrate two undersung titans of the film industry: <u>actress Pam Grier</u> and <u>editor Thelma Schoonmaker</u>. March will also see the continuation of ongoing environmental film series <u>Let's Dig In</u>, and two more <u>National Theatre Live</u> screenings: <u>Prima Facie</u> and <u>Fleabag</u>.

Throughout the month of March, Milwaukee Film will be hosting film screenings in celebration of the power and artistry of editor Thelma Schoonmaker, famous for her frequent collaborations with Martin Scorsese, and actress Pam Grier, who is often referred to as the very first female action star. These film series, which are coming to the Oriental Theatre just in time for Women's History Month, will give audiences the opportunity to gain appreciation for two incredibly impactful, yet often unrecognized, women in cinema.

"Editors don't often get their time in the sun, much less women helming the role," expressed Milwaukee Film's Programming Director, Kerstin Larson. "Here is your opportunity to watch some classic films on the big screen, while taking extra time to appreciate Thelma Schoonmaker's expertise in the craft," she concluded.

See the full line-up of <u>Celebrating Thelma Schoonmaker</u> films here:

- **RAGING BULL** 03/04 at 6PM
- **AFTER HOURS** 03/11 at 6 PM
- CASINO 03/18 at 6 PM
- THE DEPARTED 03/25 at 6 PM

"Pam Grier has been an icon for decades and she isn't slowing down any time soon," said Ty Williams, Milwaukee Film's Black Lens Programmer. "These genre classics demand to be seen on the big screen, so come out and celebrate an indisputably trailblazing star," he effused.

See the full line-up of The **<u>lconic Pam Grier</u>** films here:

- **FOXY BROWN** 03/06, 03/07, 03/08 (all at 9PM)
- **JAWBREAKER** 03/13, 03/14, 03/15 (all at 9PM)
- **COFFY** 03/20, 03/21, 03/22 (all at 9PM)

On Saturday, March 1st at 7:00 pm, Milwaukee Film's historic Oriental Theatre will welcome special guests director Joshua Oppenheimer and Milwaukee native composer Joshua Schmidt alongside their new film *The End* for a post-screening Q&A emceed by local critic, Ryan Jay.

Rescheduled due to weather: the first movie from cult-rock heroes LOCAL H will be screening at the Oriental Theatre on Wednesday, March 19th. Written, directed, and edited by the band's singer/guitarist Scott Lucas (and shot in real time during a blistering performance at venerable Chicago music venue the Metro)—*Lifers* depicts a night out at a Local H concert as an energetic, funny, and borderline psychedelic cinematic experience. This screening of *Lifers* is sponsored by <u>WMSE 91.7FM</u> and will feature a post-film Q&A with director Scott Lucas, guitarist, bassist, and lead vocalist for LOCAL H.

Scott Lucas expressed, "Not quite a documentary—and not just a concert film—*Lifers* blends those elements with a fractured narrative to create something that's like a cross between Led Zeppelin's *The Song Remains the Same* and Richard Linklater's *Slacker*."

All Tickets and showtimes can be found online at mkefilm.org/comingsoon.

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About Milwaukee Film

Milwaukee Film is a nonprofit arts organization dedicated to entertaining, educating, and engaging our community through cinematic experiences, with a vision to make Milwaukee a center for film culture. Milwaukee Film is committed to high-quality and accessible film programming through their operation of the magnificent Oriental Theatre, a historic cinema palace, and the iconic Downer Theatre, Milwaukee's oldest running cinema. The inaugural Dialogues Documentary Festival ran September 26-29, 2024. The 17th annual Milwaukee Film Festival will be held April 24 - May 8, 2025. For more information or to become a Member, visit mkefilm.org.

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