

# Film feast for the holiday season

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The holiday season brings a multitude of joyous activities. But even with a full plate, who doesn't crave a good flick? Hunger not, movie junkies! A film smorgasbord, dripping with cinema gravy goodness, is waiting to be devoured.



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## Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (Nov. 7)

If you enjoyed the antics and mishaps of four zoo animals in "Madagascar," then you'll enjoy this sequel. It's a hilarious film for families who want to spend a little more time together during the holidays. Starring Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett Smith and David Schwimmer, the four animal friends try to fly back to New York City with the help of some penguins. When their airplane crash-lands, the four friends begin a new adventure as they try to survive the wilds of Africa.



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## Soul Men (Nov. 7)

Fans will miss the very funny Bernie Mac, but before he left this world he had one last movie to give: "Soul Men." Bernie Mac and Samuel L. Jackson star as two former big-name entertainers who have faded from the limelight. After getting a call from a production agency to bring back the band, Mac and Jackson go on a quest to restore their glory. While trying to "make it" once again, they also have to work out their personal issues with each other. This comedy is sure to bring smiles to the audience as they watch a missed entertainer.



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## The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (Nov. 7 limited)

Shown from the perspective of two young boys, "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" is about Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer and a boy held in an intern-

ment camp. The two boys meet when Bruno's father heads the internment camp. Bruno strolls through foliage behind his new home and stumbles upon a fence with a little boy wearing "striped pajamas" on the other side. They create an unprejudiced friendship in a time of political, ethnic and cultural turmoil.



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## Quantum of Solace (Nov. 14)

Daniel Craig is back as Ian Fleming's 007. Like other Bond films, there will be action, clever humor, suave alcohol references—and yes, the spicy leading lady. So get ready to supply yourself with enough snacks to feed a thousand secret agents and prepare to be shaken, not stirred.



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## Twilight (Nov. 21)

Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) just moved to a quiet, little town where the air is cold and crisp. Hardly adjusted to her new home, she barely escapes death's grasp—thanks to a fellow classmate, Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), who avoids sunlight and has ice-cold skin. As passion ignites between them, so does Swan's curiosity. She finally unearths his secret—he's a vampire. Little does Bella know that evil is afoot and ready to kill her. Edward must now risk his life to save his love.



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## Four Christmases (Nov. 28)

Brad (Vince Vaughn) and Kate (Reese Witherspoon) are trying to escape from a snowy Christmas to a private tropical holiday, telling their families that they can't make it for the season. Unfortunately, flight cancellations and a news report make it impossible for them to hide from their families. They are forced to visit each of their parents, who are all divorced, making a complicated and comedic "Four Christmases."



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## The Day the Earth Stood Still (Dec. 12)

A remake of the 1951 classic "The Day the Earth Stood Still," this modern-day version should stay true to the original movie. Keanu Reeves is an alien who has the fate of Earth in his hands, and he comes with a warning. At his judgment, the Earth could be destroyed to protect the well-being of the universe...if humans don't change their destructive ways. With amazing special effects, this film promises to be a jaw-dropper.



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## The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (Dec. 26)

What would you look like if you were born resembling an 80-year-old? What would it be like if you and your friends were 60 and you were the only one who looked 20? Does the fountain of youth really bring good things? Based on a short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald, the story of Benjamin Button (Brad Pitt) is very curious indeed. A boy is born looking like he's 80 and lives life getting younger as everyone around him gets older.

## Christmas shopping made easy

The holiday season is upon us once again and, inevitably, the hassles of shopping as well. Do you have that one person who is impossible to buy for? WCC's Pot Sale fundraiser just may be your answer.

The sale will be in the Palanakila 216 ceramic studio Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Shoppers can purchase pottery of all shapes and sizes, from small items to large vases and platters, crafted by talented students and community members.

"This event is very popular with the community," said ceramics teacher Bryce Nimitz Meyers. "There are a lot of repeat customers...so come early."

The pottery sale was originally started at WCC in 1983 by ceramics professor Paul Nash and his students to help offset the cost of materials and supplies needed during the semester, such as clay and tools.

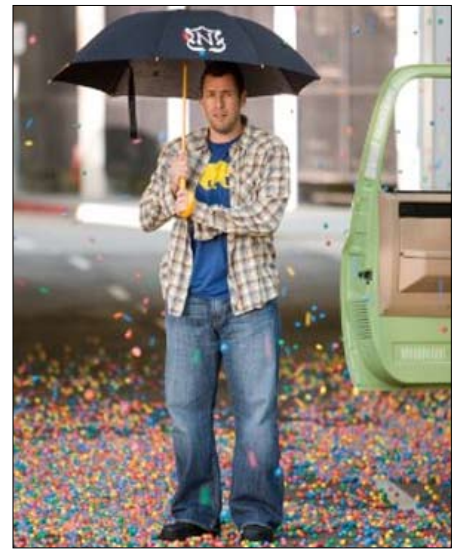
Presently, funds are also used for big projects such as improvements not covered by the ceramic studio's annual budget, much-needed repairs to pottery wheels and kilns, shelving, etc.



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## Yes Man (Dec. 12)

Carl (Jim Carrey) always says "no." One day he goes to a seminar about "yes." He starts to consent to everything and learns that there's a lot of fun and power in just three letters. From becoming an airplane pilot to learning Korean, Carrey gives a comedic performance as he gets into hilarious mishaps. Thank goodness, Carrey is back doing comedy.



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## Bedtime Stories (Dec. 26)

What? Adam Sandler is doing a Disney movie? That's right! "Bedtime Stories" is about an uncle who tells his niece and nephew bedtime stories and the next day parts of it start to become true. It's a great film to see with the family after that Christmas rush.

Students are able to sell their pieces and receive 75 percent of their sales with the remaining proceeds going to the WCC Ceramics Club.

"As always, there are high-quality ceramics at bargain prices," said Nash.

## Holiday art sale

Gallery 'Iolani will be selling a variety of arts and crafts at this year's fundraiser, "A Christmas Fantasy 2008."

Previous sale items have included prints, paintings, photographs, handmade jewelry, greeting cards, wood carvings, ornaments, etched glass, silk scarves and more.

All items are of high quality and handmade by WCC students, faculty, staff and their families.

The fundraiser will be held Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 4-7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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