

CALGARY BUDDHIST FILM SERIES 2011

"Dying to be Buddha"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011 to SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011

ALL FILMS ARE SHOWN AT THE CALGARY CENTRAL LIBRARY JOHN DUTTON THEATRE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

7 PM

The Suicide Tourist

(March 2010)

PBS documentary by John Zaritsky provides a revealing look at two families making difficult end of life decisions.

Running time: 56 min

Rated: not rated

Film will be followed by a Sensei led panel discussion on a Buddhist death

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

7 PM

Dead Man

(1996)

Director, Jim Jarmusch's classic visionary tale of William Blake (Johnny Depp) and Nobody (Gary Farmer) traveling across Native American cultures.

Neil Young soundtrack.

Running time - 121 min.

Rated: R

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

10 AM- Noon

MORNING MOVIE FOR DHARMA SCHOOL

Finding Nemo

(2003)

Directors: Andrew Stanton, Lee Unkrich

Disney animation of a father's underwater adventurous search for his missing son, Nemo, a clownfish.

Running time: 100 min.

Rated: Family

1 PM

Tibetan Book of the Dead

NFB documentary:

Part One: A Way of Life . "Death is real and cannot be escaped."

Part Two: The Great Liberation. "When you are born, you cry but the whole world is overjoyed. When you die the world cries but you may find the great liberation."

Running time - 45 min. each

Rated: PG

English narration

3:30 PM

Short film followed by Keynote speaker Jeff Wilson.

"A Monk's Awakening"

(2005)

Lou Ma Ho, director.

What happens when a monk encounters a samurai and certain death?

Running time: 21 min.

Not rated

Vietnamese with English subtitles

Keynote Speaker, Jeff Wilson, "Great to be Alive"

Jeff Wilson is the author of Buddhism of the Heart: Reflections on Shin Buddhism and Inner Togetherness (Wisdom Publications, June 2009).

7:30 PM

Biutiful

(2011)

Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's drama of a man, Uxbal, (Javier Bardem) facing death while living on the wrong side of the law in Barcelona.

Running time: 147 min.

Rated: R

Spanish with English subtitles

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

2 PM

Cherry Blossoms

(2008)

Doris Dorrie

A fanciful tale of discovering the "Great Mystery" of life from a butoh street performer.

Running time: 127 min.

Rated: 14+

German and Japanese with English subtitles

4:30 PM

Zen Noir

(2004)

Comedy drama by Marc Rosenbush

A 'noir' detective investigates a mysterious death in a Buddhist temple.

Running time: 71 min.

Rated: R