



American Corner Films June 2008



American Literature in Film

Friday, June 6 at 3:30 pm

“East of Eden” – Warner Bros - 1955

Based on John Steinbeck’s novel and directed by Elia Kazan, “East of Eden” is the first of three major films with actor James Dean. Cal, a wayward youth vies for the affection of his hardened father with his favored brother Aron. Steinbeck’s novel uses images of the Biblical story of Cain and Abel. The film received four Academy Award nominations. (118 minutes)

Starring: James Dean, Raymond Massy, Julie Harris, Jo Van Fleet

Soundtrack: English with French subtitles

Friday, June 13 at 3:30 pm

“Stand By Me“ – Columbia Pictures - 1986

From Stephen King’s novel “The Body” this film takes place in a small woodsy town where a group of young friends are in search of a missing teenager’s body. Wanting to be heroes in each other’s and their hometown’s eyes, they set out on an unforgettable two-day trek that turns into an odyssey of self-discovery. The film, directed by Rob Reiner, is about friendship and the indelible experiences of growing up. (88 minutes)

Starring: River Phoenix, Wil Wheaton, Corey Feldman, Kiefer Sutherland

Soundtrack: English with French subtitles

Friday, June 20 at 3:30 pm

One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest – Warner Bros – 1975

Based on Ken Kesey’s acclaimed bestseller, this film, directed by Milos Forman, swept all five major 1975 Academy Awards – Best Picture, Actor Actress, Director and Adapted Screenplay. The film revolves around the antics of the free-spirited McMurphy whose contagious sense of disorder runs up against numbing routine in a state mental hospital. (134 minutes)

Starring: Jack Nicholson, Louise Fletcher, Danny DeVito, Christopher Lloyd

Soundtrack: English with French subtitles

Friday, June 27 at 3:30 pm

Blade Runner – Warner Bros - 1982

Taken from the novel “Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?” the story concerns a special “policeman” who prowls the steel-and-microchip jungle of 21st century Los Angeles. He is a “blade runner” stalking genetically made criminal replicants. His assignment is to kill them. Their crime is that they want to be human. (117 minutes)

Starring: Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer, Edward James Olmos

Soundtrack: English with French subtitles