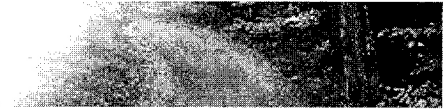


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Global lens 2005 film series comes to Vashon

By Anna K. Brinkman

Three films from three exotic countries, Algeria, Angola and Uruguay, will play starting with the Algerian film "Daughter of Keltoum" at the gala opening of the Global Lens Film Series' Vashon run at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15 at Vashon Theatre.

This is the first time Global Lens has agreed to show their films in a town the size of Vashon, thanks to Kathleen Fitch who owns Essentials 4 in downtown Vashon. All 10 films in the series are showing at Northwest Film Forum Cinema in Seattle Jan. 7 through Jan. 20.

"I called New York when I heard the Global Film Initiative (GFI) was coming to Seattle in 2005," she says, and somehow she convinced the group to try a smaller venue while they are in the area. Fitch also talked Islander Glenda Pearson, a Cinema Studies specialist librarian at the University of Washington, into giving brief remarks before each film for the audience.

"I jumped at the chance to be involved," says Pearson. "This is a wonderful opportunity for Vashon Island to enjoy its own foreign film festival and to gain a better understanding of cultures we think of as 'different' from our own." Pearson says she hopes the Vashon run will also demonstrate to GFI that a film series like this one can be successful outside of large metropolitan areas.

"While I believe that Vashon is not your stereotypical rural outpost, the creators of the film series are using us to see if they should expand the series to other non-urban areas. Yes! Definitely!" says Pearson.

Vashon High School students will enjoy special daytime viewings as part of their coursework. The rest of the Island will have to catch the series during one of its evening showings. The event is sponsored by Essentials 4, the Vashon Theatre, and Vashon Island Music.

Ticket proceeds will benefit Vashon School District. See www.globalfilm.org for more information about the films and the series and www.vashontheatre.com for more information about the Vashon run. Tickets are \$7 per person or couple for each film, and \$15 buys a pass for one person to see all three films. For schedule see Page 8.

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