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## San Diego Public Library

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### **SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW DIGITAL CINEMA SHOWCASE STARTING IN FEBRUARY 2009**

San Diego, CA.-San Diego Public Library, in partnership with Media Arts Center San Diego, is proud to announce a new series called the Digital Cinema Showcase, from February to July 2009.

Using new technologies and equipment from Swank Motion Pictures, the 2009 Digital Cinema Showcase will be the start of a new era at the downtown San Diego Public Library; allowing the Library to download the latest independent, documentaries and foreign movies for free community screenings.

Screening dates confirmed to date include:

**Wednesday – February 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday – March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday – April 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday – May 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday – June 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday – May 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday – Jun 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday – July 19<sup>th</sup>.** Weekday screenings start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Sunday screenings are held from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The digital movies to be screened include:

**"BELLA"** (2007) (Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.)

Directed by Alejandro Gomez Monteverde; Origin: Mexico/USA (91 min)

An international soccer star on his way to sign a multi-million dollar contract and a beautiful New York City waitress are brought together by one irreversible moment.

**"CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR"** (2007) (Monday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.)

Directed by Mike Nichols; Origin: USA (102 min)

A playboy congressman leads the largest and most successful covert operation in history in order to bring down the Soviet Union and end the Cold War.

**"ROMULUS, MY FATHER"** (2007) (Monday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.)

Directed by Richard Roxburgh; Origin: Australia (104 min)

Based on Raimond Gaita's critically acclaimed memoir, "Romulus, My Father" is the tale of a boy trying to balance a universe described by his deeply moral father amidst the heartbreaking neglect from a depressive mother.

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**"ROMAN POLANSKI: WANTED AND DESIRED"** (2008) (Monday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.)

Directed by Marina Zenovich; Origin: USA/UK (99 min)

Reopening a case that has inspired controversy for over three decades, this unprecedented documentary is an extensive exploration of the circumstances that led up to Polanski's conviction for having unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor.

**"TRANSSIBERIAN"** (2008) (Sunday, May 17, 2:00 p.m.)

Directed by Brad Anderson; Origin: UK/Germany/Spain/Lithuania (111 min)

A train journey from China to Moscow becomes a thrilling chase of deception and murder when an American couple encounters a mysterious pair of fellow travelers.

**"DEVIL IN A BLUE DRESS"** (1995) (Monday, June 1, 6:30 p.m.)

Directed by Carl Franklin; Origin: USA (102 min)

Denzel Washington stars as a decorated war hero returning to the segregation of post-war America in this critically-acclaimed suspense thriller.

**"HAPPY-GO-LUCKY"** (2008) (Sunday, June 21, 2:00 p.m.)

Directed by Mike Leigh; Origin: UK (118 min)

A look at a few chapters in the life of Poppy, a cheery, colorful, North London schoolteacher whose optimism tends to exasperate those around her.

**"THE SENSATION OF LIGHT"** (2006) (Sunday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.)

Directed by Aaron J. Weiderspahn; Origin: USA (134 min)

This off-beat drama about man's search for meaning amidst the ache of despair chronicles Finn, an English teacher entering a mid-life crisis impelled by a recent tragedy, as he sets afoot selling encyclopedias to the town locals.

*"In this digital age, it is essential for the Library to be in the forefront of these expansive opportunities. The benefits of offering a full spectrum of cinema and educational media can help unite the community, inspire action and raise social consciousness."*

– **Deborah Barrow, San Diego Public Library Director**

The screenings will all take place at the **San Diego Public Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor auditorium** (820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92102). All screenings are FREE and open to the general public.

The Digital Cinema Showcase is made possible with funding by the Library and Services Technology Act which the California State Library (CSL) administers in California. The Showcase is presented in partnership with the Media Arts Center San Diego ([www.mediaartscenter.org](http://www.mediaartscenter.org)).

For screening information on the Digital Cinema Showcase and other Library programs and services, please visit [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org)

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