



Ludington Area Center for the Arts & Third Coast Film Society

present **Foreign Films**

Set aside the last Friday of September, October, November, and December
for this fine series of films

Friday, September 24 - 7 pm - Departures



Rated PG13; 131 minutes; 2008 Winner of an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, *Departures* is the story of Daigo Kobayashi, a man who answers a classified ad entitled "Departures" thinking it is an advertisement for a travel agency only to discover that the job is actually for a funeral home. The film follows his profound and sometimes comical journey with death as he uncovers the wonder, joy and meaning of life and living. In addition to an Academy Award, *Departures* won the Japan Academy Prize for Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor and six other "Best" Japan Academy Prize awards.

Friday, October 29 - 7 pm - Reprise



Rated R; 105 minutes; 2008 Two lifelong friends and aspiring novelists find their lives heading in opposite directions when Phillip's novel is published and Erik's is rejected. Phillip ends up suffering the harsher fate when overnight success brings on an emotional breakdown. *Reprise* won the Discovery Award at the Toronto International Film Festival, the Golden Olive for Best Film at the European Film Festival in Lecce, Italy, and Best Film at the Nordic Film Festival in Rouen, France.

Friday, November 19 - 7 pm - The Owl and the Sparrow



Rated PG; 98 minutes; 2007 On the bustling streets of Saigon, three very different people all seeking connection are about to collide. A beautiful flight attendant looking for love. A zoo-keeper hiding within his animal kingdom to nurse a broken heart. And a scrappy, 10-year-old runaway who brings them together. Among the film's nominations and awards is the Crystal Heart Award from the Heartland Film Festival and the Audience Award at the Los Angeles Film Festival.

Friday, December 31 - 7 pm - Italian For Beginners



Rated R; 112 minutes; 2001 In a small Danish suburb several lonely hearts take a beginner's course in Italian to jump-start the romance in their lives. This group – which includes a young pastor, a hothead short order cook, a nerdy hotel clerk and a clumsy girl from the local bakery – find their actual vocabulary is less important than the emotional communication they learn on a visit to Italy. This endearing and romantic film connects with all audiences as it speaks to the universal theme of finding love when it is most unexpected. Winner of multiple awards including Jury Grand Prix Silver Bear at the Berlin Film Festival.

Admission - \$7 at the door - Popcorn and soft drinks for purchase

Watch the LAAC website for schedule details www.ludingtonartscouncil.org.

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