

NEW FILMS FROM ISRAEL



THE BEETLE

Saturday, March 7
7:30 p.m., Sabes JCC
Sunday, March 15
11:30 a.m., Sabes JCC



CHILDREN OF THE SUN

Thursday, March 12
5:30 p.m.
Sabes JCC



THE SECRETS (HASODOT)

Saturday, March 14
7 p.m., Hopkins
Mann Theatre



DANCING ALFONSO

Sunday, March 15
1 p.m.
Sabes JCC



NOODLE

Sunday, March 15
5 p.m.
Walker Art Center

THE BEETLE - OPENING NIGHT PARTY WITH MEDITERRANEAN FOOD

Director: Yishai Orian | Israel, 2008 | 70 minutes | Hebrew and Arabic with English Subtitles

The Beetle is a heartwarming and hilarious story, an optimistic metaphor for Middle East reconciliation, and an ode to the life-affirming connections of car enthusiasts. Lu Lippold, Director of Funding Programs for IFP Minnesota's Center for Media Arts, will speak about the importance of supporting local filmmakers and film festivals.

CHILDREN OF THE SUN

Director: Ran Tal | Israel, 2007 | 70 minutes | Hebrew with English subtitles

Children of the first kibbutzim in Israel were born in the early 20th century to youthful parents, full of hope. They have been called "Children of the Sun", because they considered them children of the "Sun of Nations" Revolution in Israel. Film sponsored by Ruth Usem.

THE SECRETS (HASODOT)

Director: Avi Neshet | Israel, 2007 | 127 minutes | Hebrew and French with English subtitles

Nominated for eight Israeli Academy Awards, *The Secrets* is the story of a devout daughter of an ultra-Orthodox rabbi and her rebellious quest for individuality. Warning: Mature Content. Film sponsored by the Israel Program Center of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation.

DANCING ALFONSO

Director: Barak Heymann | Israel, 2007 | 50 minutes | Hebrew, Spanish, French, Moroccan with English subtitles

Dancing Alfonso follows a Tel Aviv senior citizen leading a dramatic life. Alfonso, the lead dancer in a flamenco class with an average age of 75, uses dance to express the alternating emotions of hope and rage of a man on the cusp of losing his wife to illness. In memory of Lorraine Schweitzer, a grand lady, from the Ingber family. Twin Cities teen Israeli dance troupe, Orim, will perform a Ladino dance suite at the beginning of the film. Sponsored by a grant from JACI Fund of the UJFC and directed by Shira Schwartz.

NOODLE - CLOSING NIGHT FILM AND RECEPTION

Director: Ayelet Menahemi | Israel, 2007 | 90 minutes | Hebrew and Mandarin with English subtitles

Winner of the prestigious Special Grand Jury Prize at the Montreal World Film Festival, *Noodle* is a charming and moving comic-drama about a young Israeli woman and a Chinese boy whose lives converge in the most surprising manner. Film sponsored by the University of Minnesota China Center and the Israel Program Center of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation in honor of Tel Aviv's Centennial. Professor Miri Talmon-Bohm, a scholar of Israeli culture, cinema, media and literature, will discuss the topic: "From double tragedy to double happiness: Noodle and the Story of Tel Aviv in Film." Reception will follow the film.

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