

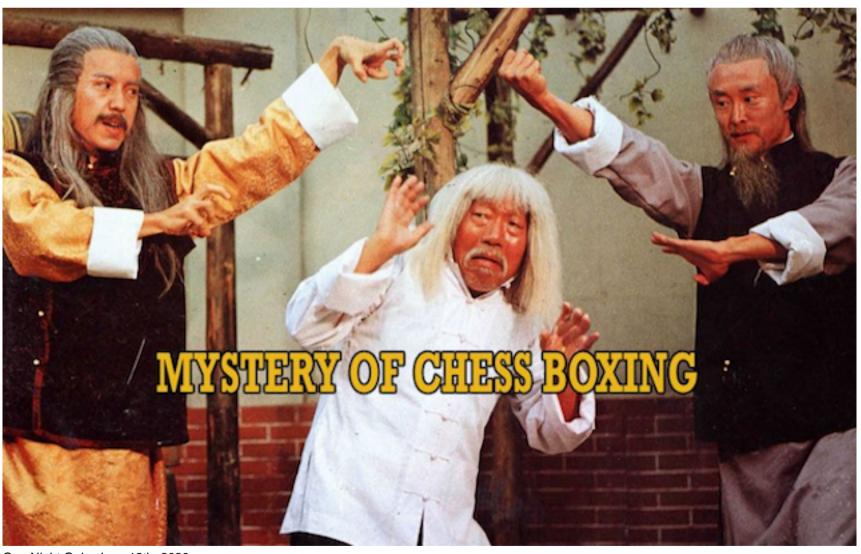
UPDATE: Chicago's Music Box Theatre and Gene Siskel Film Center At-Home Screenings

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CHICAGO – Both the Music Box Theatre and the Gene Siskel Film Center have continued their at-home screenings, due to the physical theaters staying closed for now. Below are the updates to their current offerings.

Music Box Theatre Presents TONI MORRISON: THE PIECES I AM, I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO, WHOSE STREETS?, THE GREY FOX, MYSTERIES OF LISBON, MYSTERY OF CHESS BOXING, MR. TOPAZE and SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER



One Night Only: June 12th, 2020 Photo credit: MusicBoxTheatre.com

The Music Box Theatre will get a percentage of the proceeds from any screening. Click site link below for details.

Scheduled: Now until the theater re-opens.

Description: TONI MORRISON: THE PIECES I AM, I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO, WHOSE STREETS? is three Magnolia Studios documentaries that are biographical (MORRISON & James Baldwin in I AM NOT) and activist (STREETS are the streets of Ferguson, Missouri). One price can get all three and a portion of the box office will go towards a Small Business Relief Fund.

THE GREY FOX The 1982 classic returns. After decades in prison, stagecoach robber Bill Miner (Richard Farnsworth) emerges in 1901 a free



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man without a place in 20th century society...until he sees the film THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY, and is inspired to once again do what he does best.

MYSTERIES OF LISBON is a six-part miniseries from Portugal, and director Raul Ruiz. The core story centers on Joao, the bastard child of an ill-fated romance between two members of the aristocracy who are forbidden to marry, and his quest to discover the truth of his parentage, but that's only the beginning of a engrossing tale with shades of Victor Hugo and Charles Dickens.

MYSTERIES OF CHESS BOXING (One Night Only, June 12th, 2020) is an instrumental piece of Wu-Tang lore. The old school Kung Fu movie follows Ah Pao on his journey to learn Kung Fu so he can avenge his father's death. The film is directed by Taiwanese film director Joseph Kuo, who also helmed 7 GRANDMASTERS, 36 DEADLY STYLES and 18 BRONZEMEN.

Opening on June 12th, 2020 ...

SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER concerns Alan (Bill Nighy), a stylish tailor who has spent years searching for his missing son Michael, who stormed out over a game of Scrabble and hasn't been seen since. The family drama focuses on the mystery of disappearance and the appreciate of what is apparent.

MR. TOPAZE is the "lost" 1961 comedy of the legendary Peter Sellers, who stars but also received his ONLY directorial credit for this film. This digitally restored British film displays the comic genius at the peak of his powers.

Web Link: Click on MusicBoxTheatre.com [19].



Gene Siskel Film Center Presents FILM CENTER FROM YOUR SOFA



June 12th-18th

Photo credit: SiskelFilmCenter.org

The FILM CENTER FROM YOUR SOFA is a partnership between the Gene Siskel Film Center and their regular distributors to provide screenings of the films that were scheduled before the closings. Prices vary, but "none of the prices are more than what you would pay for a single movie ticket."

Scheduled: Now until the theater re-opens.

Description: Upcoming films are MARONA'S FANTASTIC TALE (June 12-18), FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO (same), ELLA FITZGERALD: JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS (June 26-July 2) and JOHN LEWIS: GOOD TROUBLE (July17-23).

Web Link: Click on <u>SiskelFilmCenter.org/FilmCenterFromYourSofa</u> [20]. There will also be several online Q&As, click <u>SiskelFilmCenter.org/ScreenToScreen</u> [21] for more information.

The Music Box Theatre is located at 3733 North Southport Avenue, Chicago Click here [19] for more information. The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 North State Street, Chicago. Click here [22] for more information.

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