

THE THINGS THEY CARRIED ON FILM

The Fog of War

Robert S. McNamara discusses his experiences and lessons learned during his tenure as Secretary of Defense under John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. Directed by Errol Morris. Features Robert McNamara as himself, plus historic footage of Fidel Castro, Barry Goldwater, Lyndon Johnson, John F. Kennedy, Nikita Khrushchev, Curtis LeMay, Richard Nixon, Harry Reasoner, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Woodrow Wilson. Original score by Philip Glass. Academy Award winner in 2004 for Best Documentary Film, Features, plus multiple other awards. Documentary. Released in 2004. 107 minutes. Rated PG-13.

Thursday, February 9, 7:00 pm
Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S Rose St.

The Weather Underground

Impatient with the pace of peaceful resistance, the Weather Underground violently protested U.S. involvement in Vietnam, through street riots and bombing government targets. Directed by Sam Green and Bill Siegel. Features such historic figures as Abbie Hoffman, Martin Luther King Jr., Timothy Leary, Walter Mondale, Bernadine Dohrn. Nominated for 2004 Academy Award and other awards. Won 2003 San Francisco Film Critics Circle Marlon Riggs Award, 2003 San Francisco International Film Festival Golden Gate Award, and 2003 Seattle International Film Festival Documentary Award. Documentary. Released in 2002. 92 minutes. Not rated.

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 pm
Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S Rose St

The Deer Hunter

Three buddies from a steel mill town enlist in the airborne infantry. They are captured by the North Vietnamese and forced to play a game of Russian Roulette. They escape and return home, but their lives are forever changed. Directed by Michael Cimino. Stars Robert De Niro, John Cazale, John Savage, Christopher Walken, Meryl Streep, Winner of 5 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Supporting Actor (Christopher Walken). Released in 1978. 182 minutes. Rated R.

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 pm
Western Michigan University, Little Theatre, Oakland Dr at Oliver St

Apocalypse Now Redux

Inspired in part by Joseph Conrad's classic novella *Heart of Darkness*, this film explores the damage done to the American psyche by the war in Vietnam. Contains many scenes cut from the original release. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Stars Marlon Brando, Martin Sheen, Robert Duvall, Frederic Forrest, Laurence Fishburne, Dennis Hopper, Harrison Ford, others. Won Academy Awards for Best Cinematography, Best Sound. Nominated for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Robert Duvall), Best Film Editing, others. Released in 2002. 202 minutes. Rated R.

Thursday, March 2, 6:00 pm
Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S Rose St

Gao Rang/Grilled Rice

Tells the story of a small band of North Vietnamese and NLF cameramen whose work has been forgotten, though they founded Vietnamese cinema. They describe their

experiences filming in combat, first against the French and later the Americans. Directed by Claude Grunspan. Credited cast includes Khuong Me, Van Thuy Tran, Lo Van Minh. 2003 Notable Video for Adults, Video Round Table, American Library Association. Vietnamese with English subtitles. Documentary. Released in 2002. 52 Minutes. Not rated.

AND

Rising Above: Women of Vietnam

This film looks at what happened to five women who played influential parts during wartime efforts. Their peacetime challenge is to rise above centuries of obedience and self-denial to build their own and their country's futures. Directed by Heiny Srour. Features Nguyen Thi Dinh, general and deputy commander of the Vietcong forces, and Kim Lai, who captured an American pilot twice her size. Vietnamese or French dialogue with English voiceover. Documentary. Released in 1995. 50 minutes. Not rated.

Thursday, March 9, 7:00 pm

Western Michigan University, Little Theatre
Oakland Dr at Oliver St

Platoon

In the first major film by Oliver Stone, based on Stone's own experience as a combat soldier, a young recruit in Vietnam faces a moral crisis when confronted with the horrors of war and the duality of man. Hailed by critics and veterans alike as the first "realistic" American film about the war in Vietnam. Directed by Oliver Stone. Stars Tom Berenger, Willem Dafoe, Charlie Sheen, Forest Whitaker, Johnny Depp, others. Won 1986 Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Sound, Best Film Editing. Nominated for Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Tom Berenger), Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Willem Dafoe), Best Cinematography, Best Writing, Screenplay Written Directly for the Screen. Released in 1986. 120 minutes. Rated R.

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 pm

KVCC, Texas Township Campus, Commons Theater

Regret to Inform

Filmmaker Barbara Sonneborn goes on a pilgrimage to the Vietnamese countryside where her husband was killed. The film weaves interviews with Vietnamese and American widows into a vivid testament to the legacy of war. Directed by Barbara Sonneborn. Credited cast includes Xuan Ngoc Nguyen, Barbara Sonneborn. Nominated for 1999 Best Documentary, Features. Won 1999 Sundance Film Festival Director's Award, Documentary, many other awards. Documentary. English. Released in 1998. 72 minutes. Not rated.

AND

How to Behave

Dying of cancer, cameraman Dong Xuan Thuyet asks his friends to make a film on the subject of "tu-te" – human relations, fraternity, or, simply, kindness. Documentary. Vietnamese with English subtitles. Released in 1987. 43 minutes. Not rated.

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Film Series Conclusion

KRESA Education for the Arts students premiere their interpretations of *The Things They Carried*. Details to be announced.

Monday, March 27, 7:00 pm

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