

CINEMA CIRCLE SUMMER 2009  
ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*June 12*

**MILK**: (2008) Sean Penn (in an Oscar-winning role) stars in this fact-based drama about Harvey Milk, the openly gay activist and San Francisco politician who was murdered along with mayor George Moscone (Victor Garber) by disgruntled city employee Dan White (Josh Brolin, in an Oscar-nominated role) in 1978. Director Gus Van Sant's compelling biopic (nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award) co-stars Emile Hirsch, James Franco and Diego Luna. (129 minutes)

*June 26*

**CRY FREEDOM**: (1987) In a segregated South Africa, black nationalist Steven Biko (Denzel Washington) and white newspaper editor Donald Woods (Kevin Kline) are unlikely friends with a common goal: ending apartheid. When Biko's beliefs land him in prison and he's covertly murdered by South African authorities, Woods rallies to expose the injustice. Based on Woods's books *Biko* and *Asking for Trouble*, the film earned Washington his first Oscar nomination. (159 minutes)

*July 10*

**MEL BROOKS' HISTORY OF THE WORLD-PART 1**: (1981) Mel Brooks' comic genius is unleashed in spades in this episodic spoof of history's seminal moments, narrated by Orson Welles. Beginning with a brilliant send-up of 2001: A Space Odyssey, Brooks then lampoons the Stone Age, the Roman Empire, the Spanish Inquisition and ends with a clever takeoff on the French Revolution. The all-star-cast includes Sid Caesar, Gregory Hines, Madeleine Kahn, Dom DeLuise, Harvey Korman and, of course, Brooks. (92 minutes)

*July 24*

**KITE RUNNER**: (2007) Years after fleeing the Taliban and immigrating to the United States, an Afghan man (Khalid Abdalla) returns to his war-ravaged homeland to try to repay his debt to a childhood friend whose trust he betrayed. Marc Forster (*Finding Neverland*, *Monster's Ball*) directs this touching story of family, friendship and bravery, based on the best-selling novel by Khaled Hosseini. (127 minutes)

*August 14*

**SEVEN YEARS IN TIBET**: (1997) Austrian mountaineer Heinrich Harrer (Brad Pitt) journeys to the Himalayas without his family to head an expedition in 1939. When World War II breaks out, the arrogant Harrer falls into Allied forces' hands as a prisoner of war. He escapes with a fellow detainee and makes his way to Lhasa, Tibet, where he meets the 14-year-old Dalai Lama (Jamyang Jamtsho Wangchuk) -- whose friendship ultimately transforms the self-seeking Harrer. (136 minutes)

*August 28*

**YOUTH WITHOUT YOUTH**: (2007) Oscar-winning director Francis Ford Coppola spins a unique love story that combines elements of suspense and science fiction. Set in pre-World War II Europe, the film follows an academic (Tim Roth) who's metaphysically altered after being struck by lightning. This begins a spiritual journey through time toward divine love, a journey in which the professor grows younger and more enlightened even as his nation is on the brink of war. (125 minutes)

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