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of 1982

Fassbinder's 'Lola': Lust To Love

By JONATHAN ALBURGER

Rainer Werner Fassbinder spent most of his unfortunately short career bringing to the screen delightfully lopsided comedies that sting with wickedly sarcastic social satire. With Lola, he will long be remembered for his strength and brightness as both screenwriter and director.

Fassbinder died last year at age 36.

His life as varied and colorful as his films, Fassbinder had roots firmly grounded in German avant-garde theater, and it was out of his affiliation with the "anti-theater" of the late '60s that he steered his first feature film, Love is Colder than Death (1969). In the early to mid '70s he produced unusual and controversial pictures such as The Bitter Tears of Petra Von Kant and Ali: Fear Eats the Soul. Despair (1978) was his first English language feature, while



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The Marriage of Maria Braun was the first hit in both America and his native Germany. Maria Braun also marks the beginning of a period in which Fassbinder aims his social commentary at the effects to Germany and Europe of World War II, as felt during the post-war recovery period of the '50s. Lili Marleen (1981), focusing on the third Reich, was his only '50s period departure.

Fassbinder has a very affectionate and funny way of shaking a finger at the corrupt and greedy, which is why

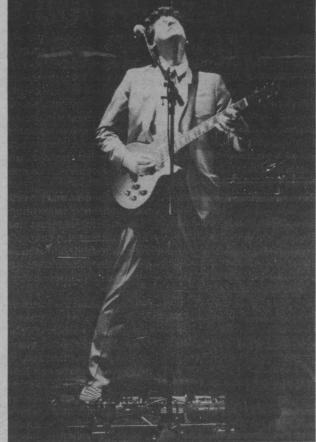
Lola, acidic yet aesthetic, is an unusual treat. The film's style reflects — and reinforces — its content: jarring cuts and dissolves, peculiar angles and framing and dizzying camera movements, bursts of music to accentuate transitions, and surrealistic lighting schemes; thematically, Lola colors a frightening but exciting world in the fast lane with ambiguous relationships and ambivalent emotions. Everything has a deliciously disturbing doubleness — Lola (Barbara Sukowa) is both prostitute and saint, easy yet demanding; Von Bohm (Armin Mueller-Stahl) is both slick bureaucrat and kindhearted romantic, calculating yet vulnerable.

Lola is kept by Schuckert (Mario Adorf), an overweight, self-centered successful land developer (married to a sang pur class-conscious bitch) who, because he is a virtual stereotype, personifies German industrial rebirth. He 'owns" Lola and is the father of her illegitimate son.

Lola's existence is marked by a struggle to find respect outside of her career as a singer/bought woman in the town's cabaret/brothel. Her dilemma is echoed in her clothes and furnishings, all the entrapments of glittering '50s pop culture kitsch — paintbrush-form wall lights, glass and porcelain knick-knacks, and that glorious spiked-heelsand -tight-skirts look. She assumes a second identity as a respectable, but mysterious woman and sets out to capture Von Bohm, the type of man "who would never associate with her type."

Poetry is used as a motif throughout the film, bridging the soul to the senses. "Does the soul know more than the mind, or does the mind know more than the soul?" is poised at the onset of the film, to which Lola answers the latter. After all, no matter what we do, we are all moralists. It is her initiation that by the end of the film she marries Von Bohm but plays with Schuckert who buys the brothel for her

Fassbinder, as director and scenarist, captures the frenzy of the time with a beautifully executed narrative. As a film craftsman, he dazzles the senses and mind with his imaginative orchestration of light, color, texture, emotion, speech, and movement. Lola does for the '50s what Diva last year did for the '80s. It is a richly rewarding experience.

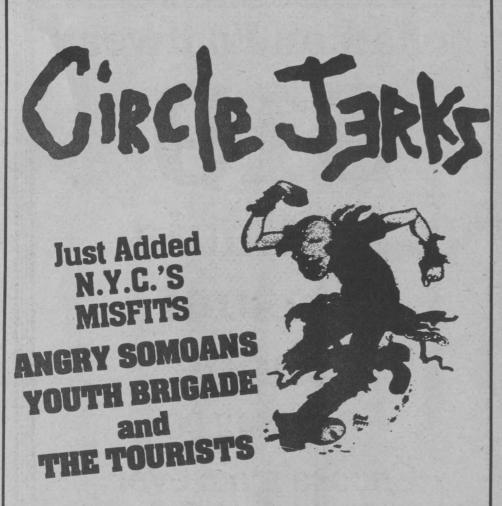


Oingo Boingo and Wall of Voodoo performed an evening of interesting and energetic music last Friday at the Arlington Theatre. Photo by Dave

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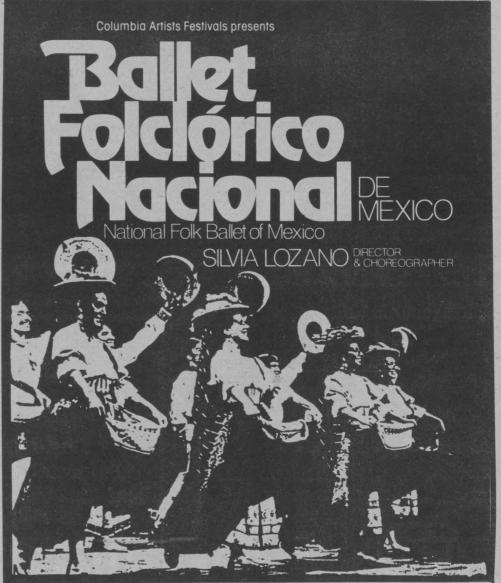
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Jam's 'Gift' Top Pick

The Gift The Jam

This is not my pick for number one because The Jam is no longer together. The Gift is one of the band's best albums and it is definitely the best record released this year. From the very standard "Happy Together" to the brilliance of tunes such as "Ghosts" and "Circus," The Jam put together an album so diverse that it caught many critics off guard. Yet every element used is used well and this excellent example of the mature Jam is a tribute to Bruce Weller's feel for some of the current trends in British

music. There is no question that white funk has become the mainstay of modern British pop and Weller incorporated this in tunes like "Precious" and "Trans-Global Express." But Weller takes these fairly common things and makes them special. The Gift was a triumph for The Jam, proving that the band was substantially more versatile than their first few albums indicated.

The Days of Wine and Roses **Dream Syndicate**

This is America's best release of 1982. L.A.-based, the Dream Syndicate breaks new ground in the psychedelic explosion currently sweeping the more

creative arenas of rock. It has been many years since dual lead guitarists have worked as well together as Steve Wynn and Karl Precoda do. Reminiscent of Clapton and Allman in Derek and the Dominoes, Wynn and Precoda play off of each other so well it is, at times, frightening. Yet while Wynn and Precoda fool around with some very noisy and virtually out-of-control lines, bassist Kendra Smith and drummer Dennis Duck maintain a very strong beat. Wynn's Lou-Reed-on-bennies vocals only serve to enhance the innovative mixes. While the Psychedelic Furs may be the most famous of the new generation psychedelic bands, the Dream Syndicate is entirely more innovative and

Special Beat Service English Beat

This band really chisled out a niche in the rock scene with their debut album several years ago. Their brand of ska was a bit more commercial but much more British than the standard ska bands. The Beat's third record, Special Beat Service hollows out that niche quite a bit further. Much of it is as fully dancable as I Just Can't Stop It while the more reggae style of Wha'ppen is amply demonstrated also. Yet it is more than simply a compilation of elements from their first two records. Beat Service is as unique as those records but more professional. Tunes like "Pato and Roger a Go Talk" and "Save It For Later" bring out the best of the Beat without straining the limits of commercialism. While Beat Service may not have the impact of the band's first two albums, it surpasses those records in quality.

Love Over Gold Dire Straits

Mark Knopfler fooled a lot of people with this tremendous record. It would have been so easy for Dire Straits to become a formula band, cranking out virtually identical hits, as the Cars have done. Instead singer/songwriter/guitarist Knopfler chose to keep on exploring. Love Over Gold has been criticized for being an overly conscious stab at making epics. This is missing the point. The record is a unique look at the world through Knopfler's eyes. His world is humorous but bittersweet. What really impresses here, though, is the band itself. Knopfler never played his guitar better and the addition of a rhythm guitarist and keyboardist served to broaden the sound. This is not a misguided attempt at making epics but a very wellexecuted attempt at forging ahead.

English Settlement XTC

1977 was an exciting year in England. Several new bands debuted that seemed to be promising. Bands like The Jam, Squeeze, and XTC proved to be more than just upstarts. These bands went on to critical and commercial success. But six years later, only XTC remains. XTC had quite a

chore at hand in 1982 when they decided to record a followup to their stunning Black Sea record. The band met the challenge head on with a decisively innovative record English Settlement. Just as The Gift came from a mature Jam, English Settlement came from a mature XTC. Drawing on Latin influences, XTC created a distinctive, well-produced sound characterized by Andy Partridge's and Colin Moulding's distinctive styles. "No Thugs in Our House" and "Ball and Chain" rival XTC's best and the creativeness in this record surpasses all but Black Sea.

Egoslavia Egoslavia This EP is an underground favorite among very few



'Night and Day' Best Album of '82

Most critics make a list of their top 10 picks for each year, but I am not most critics. As I began drawing up a list of my favorite albums and singles of 1982, I realized that my first choices so excelled anything else on my list, that no one else deserved mention. Joe Jackson's masterpiece, Night and Day is the top 10 albums, and Grandmaster Flash's 12-inch single, "The Message," is the top 10 singles.

Night and Day is a perfect album, right down to the finely-crafted graphics on the cover. This record creates a feeling, an ambience, and a picture of city life, from the view of both the street and the window of a penthouse

apartment.

Jackson's bitter wit, so present in his first two albums, Look Sharp and I'm the Man, is still visible here, especially in the caustic "TV

Jackson displays a new side of his personality, as well. He is a tender, sensitive man who has relationship problems just like the rest of us. Two heartwrenching tunes illustrate his emotional side, "Breaking Us in Two" and "Stepping Out."

Painting an entirely different picture than Night and Day is "The Message," a six-minute long narrative of life in the inner-city. This incredible song gets absolutely no airplay in Santa Barbara, which is a sad statement indeed. The Flash and his Furious Five, present images never before addressed in popular music

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1982: A Year of Transvestit

By PETER LEFEVRE

The year has departed. 1982 has left us all and gone. So that we may never forget, it has left behind for us a number of films. This is a very thoughtful gesture in recalling movies like E.T. but a cruel deed in terms of films like

I thought the cinematic year was typical in its one-epic-ayear-please quota filling but it was unique in its technical accomplishments. Camera shots became increasingly daring and several of the chances taken paid off well.

From an acting pont of view, 1982 could well be dubbed



addiction and third-degree burns are the topics of Mr. Pryor's comedy routine at the Hollywood Palladium, and what are the most tragic aspects of those problems make for the most insightful, and still innocently silly, jokes. No one does what he does.

7. The Road Warrior

Australian director George Miller brings the sequel to Mad Max from the futuristic outback of his native land. Spectacular stunts, an interesting plot, a good love story, fun comic relief and twists in the narrative that charmingly sweep the rug out from under your feet, made this film one



Transvestites Hoffman and Andrews

"The Year of the Transvestite." Dustin Hoffman, Steve Martin, John Lithgow and Cheech and Chong, all played dress-up in the pursuit of their craft, as did the increasingly shocking Julie Andrews.

It was all in fun though, and it shows in my list. Here are the 10 best films of 1982 (alphabetically):

1. Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid

An astonishing mark of progress in the history of film editing made this film an easy candidate. Carl Reiner's testimony to the film noir genre was a smooth job as was the performance of Steve Martin as tongue-in-cheek detective Rigby Reardon. Rachel Ward was beautiful and sultry in this creative and unusual film, and what could go wrong with a supporting cast that includes Alan Ladd and Lana Turner?

Jean-Jacques Belneix's thriller intermeshing the world of opera and the world of organized crime was extraordinary in its use of color and camera movements. Complex without being confusing, it captured a tense environment of political and artistic intrigue. A haunting soundtrack

Call me a sentimental fool, but this movie choked me up. It was also nice to have a thing from outer space that didn't want to eat everybody. As Elliot, Henry Thomas was wonderful. Just the right combination of practicality within awe. Dee Wallace as his mother was splendid. People may complain, but someone has to be buying the T-shirts.

4. Missing This latest film from the master of political claustrophobia, Costa-Gavras, created a world of unrest that was truly spooky. Seeing someone go out for a pack of cigarettes and never come back is a frightening experience. Jack Lemmon took a break from his elasticfaceman persona and did some serious acting. Sissy Spacek followed her smash Coal Miner's Daughter with another

attractive performance. o. My ravorite Year

This film was a lot of fun. Is fun alone a valid reason for including it on my list? It is an entertaining film from start to finish. Richard Benjamin made an impressive directing debut in recreating what was the Saturday Night Live of the '50s, complete with New York setting, neurotic writers and uncontrollable guests. Solid performances from all in-

6. Richard Pryor Live on the Sunset Strip

How does this man do it? Immense legal hassles, drug

of my first choices for the list.

8. Tootsie

Yes, Dustin Hoffman seems to dress up as a woman for the money and the chance to be next to Jessica Lange. Yes, at the end of the film he is treating Teri Garr no better than he was at the start. Still, the writing was so good otherwise, and the situations were so unusual that the movie made the list on charisma alone.

9. The Verdict

Sidney Lumet's courtroom drama is an involving examination of justice that overshadows many of the trial films of recent years. Paul Newman was low key and sincere in his defense of a woman in a permanent coma. Maybe it was legally inaccurate at times, but that didn't get in the way of the confidence and self-respect that showed through at the end.

10. The World According to Garp

The adaptation of the year. Only the best of the visual elements of John Irving's book made it to the screen. As socially relevant and yet as inherently light as a film can get. Steve Tesich deserves accolades for his script while all the cast members were excellent in their fleshing out of the characters. Robin Williams and Glenn Close warrant special attention and Swoosie Kurtz was a very chilling presence on camera.

Movies that I missed, that could have made my list:

Rainer Werner Fassbinder's Veronika Voss, Barry Levinson's Diner, Richard Attenborough's Gandhi, and Graeme Clifford's Frances.

My 10 worst list would include:

Woody Allen's A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy, Clint Eastwood's Firefox, National Lampoon's Class Reunion and Steven Lisberger's Tron.

Additional note goes to: Newcomer of the year:

Sean Penn

Comeback of the Year:

Peter Sellers

Most Overemployed Actor of the Year: **Dudley Moore**

Fastest Exit of the Year:

Lookin' to Get Out

Double Bill of the Year: The UA Cinema, Torrance, Ca.

Annie and The Texas Chain Saw Massacre

Business Move of the Year:

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Few Roles for Women in 1982

Sophie's Choice Top Choice

1982 was a year dominated by men: men in transition, men in power, men in performance, men in court, men in love, men in drag.

As I jotted down the most impressive films of the year, I made a secondary notation by those pictures that featured a female, or at least emphasized the woman's role. Amazingly, out of the 22 preliminary standout films from which I pared my top 10, only three featured female characters, and one more was a tossup: Sophie's Choice. Victor/Victoria, and Frances; arguments could be made either way over Death Watch.

Additionally, for those who count memorable performances, 1982, like the past several years, contained only a handful of noteworthy lead actress portrayals. Diane Keaton, Sissy Spacek, and Meryl Streep are securing their places - in film history, at the yearly Oscar roundtable, and in audiences' hearts and minds. Jane Fonda took the year off. To exemplify how unproductive Hollywood has been in writing good women's roles, consider that the Golden Globes nominated Aileen Quinn as best actress for her title role in Annie.

Jack Lemmon, Dustin Hoffman, Paul Newman and Peter O'Toole proved their staying power; the latter two have never won Oscars, though. Kevin Kline and Ben Kingsley gifted audiences with brilliant debuts, and Richard Gere warmed a few cockles.

Slow to Santa Barbara,

many of the sleepers and "little" films dragged themselves into theaters for all-too-brief stays. We did, however, enjoy an array of international treats, including Fitzcarraldo, Burden of Dreams, Death Watch, Diva, Das Boot, and

Aside from the froth created by the mass media hoopla over the Reeses' Pieces-eating E.T., 1982 films in general made a quieter impact. Even when a picture was flawed, unpolished or just mediocre overall, exciting and deeply



Shoot the Moon

moving acting was registered in many of those instances, such as Frances, The Verdict, and My Favorite Year

With the celebration of Christmas came the usual holiday rush of film gifts. It seemed as though critics were dying to heap their pent-up praise onto a favorite last-min but the simple truth is that several very fine films emerged just as 1983 was being ushered in.

Presently, my top 10:

1. Sophie's Choice

A tough choice had to be made between Gandhi and Sophie's Choice because I had to commit myself with numerical assignments, so... I figured if a movie could keep me compelled until 2 a.m. - even after hardly a wink of sleep the night before and a projector/sound system breakdown during the screening — then it has a rare advantage. A sweetly unsettling examination and ironic celebration of odd rhythms and neuroses often experienced in explosive relationships between creative, mysterious people, Sophie's Choice is a densely layered and beautifully textured work of art with Meryl Streep radiant in a perfectly realized central characterization. All the gushing plaudits you've heard about her are true. Kevin Kline is also unforgettable, and I hope that the academy voters will be willing to squeeze a nod in for this newcomer in a year so crowded with men's films. The film leaves you with a thick emotional residue.

2. Gandhi

A laboriously crafted epic with a timely anti-war thrust, Gandhi really is not as brilliant and indelible as Ben Kingsley's biographical title sketch. His portrait is utterly convincing — as if watching documentary footage, we are taken in by the truth and benevolence of a great soul.

3. Shoot the Moon Did all the other critics forget about this early 1982 treatise on the modern family in crisis? Diane Keaton and Albert Finney skillfully capture all the rage, frustration and sadness of intense love in the face of a crumbling marriage and imminent separation. It is as warm and funny as wrenching.

Costa-Gavras succeeds again to leave his audience alternately enraged and emotionally drained with this (also grossly overlooked) early 1982 docudrama. Jack Lemmon. took most of the focal praise, but Sissy Spacek is quietly brilliant with her seeming simplicity covering a torrent of interior disturbance. Most notable is the visual feel, attacking the senses with its flow of gritty, moody documentary-like mise-en-scene. Still strong is its bitter mental aftertaste. 5. Tootsie

Dustin Hoffman is the film, although Jessica Lange contributes her alluring presence. The movie has something to say and, through Hoffman's completely believable double portrayal, it is said with both broad and subtle humor seldom found in films.

6. Burden of Dreams

Fulfilling in all the ways Fitzcarraldo fell short because Werner Herzog is much more attractive and interesting than his own film work. A testimony to the potential for imagination and taste in documentary filmmaking.

7. The Chosen A film with real emotion, real struggle, real pains of growing up; positive and uplifting; educational and entertaining; beautifully crafted and superbly acted. The Chosen is uniformly artful and well-meaning, produced out of love and dedication, and directed with sensitivity for detail and characterization.

8. Frances

Not really a great film if considered by strict narrative standards, but exceptional if judgement is passed on the acting. Jessica Lange has the necessary tragic potential, plus beauty, charm and intelligence. She delivers one of the year's two best performances by an actress. Kim Stanley is broad and mannered, but melodrama can be delicious, even if indulgent. Sam Shepherd fills out his impressive dramatic repertoire.

9. E.T. — the Extra-Terrestrial A film too cute for its own good, but so life-affirming and lovable that, even if you didn't shed a carefully manipulated Spielberg tear, you have to (consciously suppress all the gross marketing exploitation and) keep it near and dear, like a favorite stuffed animal you still have around for sentimental regressions.

10. The World According to Garp

Not a completely successful film adaptation but one which nonetheless made me want to rediscover John Irving's source book. Glenn Close gives a surgically perfect translation of nurse Jenny Fields, and while Robin Williams falls short of total satisfaction, he plays out several important scenes with a special charm and sadness only a great comedic actor could convey. John Lithgow's Roberta is top notch.

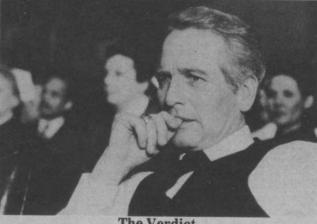
Nearly alternative #10s:

Diva, Diner, and Das Boot. Impressive showings:

Moonlighting, My Favorite Year, Mephisto, and Poltergeist.

Clearing out the remainder of 22:

Death Watch, An Officer and A Gentleman, Fitzcarraldo, Victor/Victoria, and for Paul's blue eyes, The Verdict.



The Verdict

I didn't get to see: Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean; Veronika Voss; Coup de Torchon; Yol; or Three Brothers.

If I decided who got Oscars: Best Film, Sophie's Choice (it will probably go to Gandhi); Best Actress, Meryl Streep; Best Actor, Ben Kingsley; Best Supporting Actor, Rod Steiger in The Chosen; Best Supporting Actress, Glenn Close; Best Director, Richard Attenborough (Gandhi); Best Screenplay, Barry Levinson for Diner; Best Cinematography, Missing.

No look back at a year would be complete without a mention of the worst - the turkeys determined by an altogether lack of aesthetics or a proportionate imbalance of budget to product. Part of this long and sad list: Homework, Summer Lovers, Vice Squad, Partners, Class of 1984, Ciao! Manhattan, The Toy, Trail of the Pink Panther, and, bomb of over-budgeted bombs, Annie.



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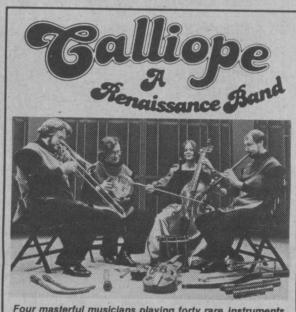
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Marionettes Controlled by Strings of Fate



Unlike many American filmmakers, Ingmar Bergman, of Swedish origin, delves into the lives of his characters and exposes their inner fears and desires with a realistic touch, not often seen in Hollywood extravaganzas. From the Life of the Marionettes, a 1980 Bergman feature with an entirely German cast, will be shown in Campbell Hall, Sunday evening Jan. 23 at 7:30, a premiere for Santa Barbara.

The film contains the usual Bergman themes of love, faithfulness, fantasy, and the fears and futility of life. Human relationships are placed in a harsh or sometimes dreamlike light, in front of the camera. We sit and observe Bergman's puppets whose actions and emotions remind us of ourselves and all our hidden personas and nightmares.

Reminiscent of Scenes From a Marriage an earlier Bergman classic, Marionettes explores the lives of a dissatisfied married couple, Peter and Katerina (Robert Atzorn and Christine Buchegger), who seem to be controlled by the unyielding strings of fate, pushing and pulling them, until disaster strikes and Peter falls over the edge.

Bergman displays his disdain for modern psychiatry through the character of the couple's friend and psychiatrist, Dr. Jenson (Martin Benroth), who attempts to help Peter with his obsession and upsetting nightmare/antasy of murder. Dr. Jenson explains to Peter, that, in order to cure him, "we will take away your fears, as well as your emotions," referring to to drugs or therapy he would probably be given by a typical psychiatrist.

Bergman's use of camera technique is effectively symbolic, such as his switch from vivid color (especially red) in the beginning murder scene to a stark black and white for the middle of the film, until the very end, with the final scene of Peter in an asylum, colored blandly. Other images Bergman repeatedly uses to enhance his films include very eerie dream sequences; Peter's whole existence is presented to us as if he were constantly in a

dream state, whether he is sitting alone, numbed by the combination of too much alcohol and sleeping pills or being tantalized by a prostitute.

Katerina, Peter's wife, is a typical Bergman female role. She is a very selfassertive fashion designer who drinks too much and cheats on her husband. She is unsure how to love Peter even though she is attached

to him. Katerina's friend and business partner, Tim (Walter Schmidinger), a homosexual, is Bergman's voice, in one scene lamenting over the hopelessness and desolation of his existence and relating his fears and frustrations to Katerina, saying, "I am governed by forces I cannot master such as drugs and fantasies." Peter, too, is frightened by the beast he

feels growing inside him. From the Life of the Marionettes is a story straight off the front page of (Please turn to pg.7A, col.1)



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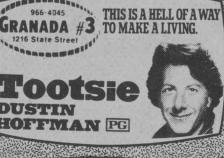
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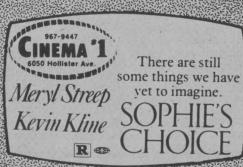














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Memorable Irish Rebel

By GRETA WEDUL

Last Sunday evening was the Old Alhecama Theatre, and Shay Duffin's portrayal of Brendan Behan made it a memorable one. In his oneman play Confessions of an Irish Rebel Duffin expresses Behan's views on life during the last six months of his 41 years. Although Duffin uses strong language in his graphic display, the dialogue improved the performance by giving an accurate flavor of Behan's personality.

Because of Behan's political views and activities, he spent 17 years of his life in prison. Duffin recounts his prison experiences in a sarcastic but informs the audience of the me to understand the cruelty and crudeness of prison life in an entertaining way.

Duffin amuses the audience with an amazing variety of characterizations. He recounts conversations assuming not only Behan's mannerisms but every other aspect of his personality as well. One minute he is a belligerant Behan explaining to a judge why he is he is the same senile judge determining the length of the resulting prison sentence.

Duffin divides the performance into three categories. He portrays Behan the talker, Behan the pub entertainer and Behan the rebel. Behan the talker reveals the political views and social comment that inevitably resulted in his prison life. Behan took it upon himself to voice his beliefs. He was a teenage activist serving his first prison sentence at the age of

Behan was an amusing pub entertainer, who my first experience inside revealed his life experiences to anyone who had the stamina to listen. It became evident to his listeners that Behan lived his life in the past. All of Duffin's anecdotes take the audience back to earlier days when the future seemed more promising. As Behan grew his own memories. He drank heavily, developing kidney problems which led to his

Shay Duffin created an interesting showcase of all three aspects of Behan's life. Duffin and Behan are from the same area in Dublin. Duffin has said, "Having the very explicit manner. He same background enabled character better and view the world the way Behan did." Duffin's past performing experiences assisted his smooth transition from one characterization to the next.

Duffin has appeared in numerous television and movie productions. For five years he appeared with North America's only all Irish Theatre Company. His pleading not guilty. The next first album, Off to Dublin in the Green, reached bestseller status as have all three of his successive albums. He was recently awarded the L.A. and San Francisco best actor awards. With such a history of notable achievements, Shay Duffin has qualified himself as an impressive performer. His impersonation of Brendan Behan was a polished statement of talent and combined versatility.

Frenetic 'Frenzy'

By PETER LEFEVRE

Footlight Frenzy, the latest offering from the Low Moan Spectacular company is an outrageously funny play.

Its performance in Campbell Hall on Saturday was greeted with a steady flow of laughter. A group of skillfully trained professionals delivered an exaggerated parody that marvelously illustrated what can go wrong with theater. The choices made by the actors led to the combination of so many different, frustrating and yet ultimately satisfying moments that the audience could scarcely contain them-

Ron House, Diz White, Rodger Bumpass and Anna Mathias were all energetic and poised in their conolder he encased himself in frontations with each other, the set, and cruel fate.

The meager, miasmatic and miserably melodramatic mush of the play-within-the-play contains the remnants of what could be the most awful dramatic piece ever written. Tarnished Silver is so extremely bad all that can save it is the mistakes that plague it.

The evening was composed of various actors, ex-actors and pseudo-actors dealing with disaster as gracefully as possible. A character doesn't show up and is replaced with phone. A character who does show up is killed prematurely only to be brought back miraculously in the next act. Those cursed to remain onstage torture themselves finding ways out. Some can't find ways out.

An excruciatingly introverted stage manager is forced to play the role of the tough-guy Johnny Chicago at the last second. Until he sees the audience he is able to muster up a healthy sense of bravado. When he first sees the people looking back at him, he develops a case of stage fright of the severest nature. Bumpass as the petrified Benny Dibble showed a brilliant sense of timing within a volley of stutters, whimpers and gasps.

As the director of the show, House faced every calamity with crazed reasonability. It was quite natural for him to tell an actress who now has a love scene with a phone to improvise.

White as Laura Becker was superb. White as Laura Becker as Addie Starr was better. Her throaty voice is a monument to tempramental actresses everywhere.

Anna Mathias as the young upstart kid sister is a fine talent. She provided many of the evening's better laughs, while also providing a sincerity of purpose and an attractive wistfulness.

Maybe the first 10 minutes were slow, but that's natural. Explaining the booby traps in the set is never as interesting a watching them go off.



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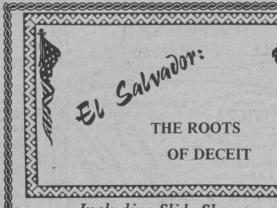
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Marionettes

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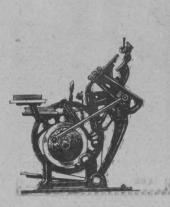
any newspaper. It explores the background and actual mundane life of a murderer. vet we find that he is not very different from you and I. We are all puppets on a stage often empty of honest feelings and emotions, and left to dangle among the hypocrisies and mysteries of

Bergman, as always, is an artist of the human condition, with all of its strange occurences and complexities. From the Life of the Marionettes reaches within to the core of human existence and exposes the true turmoil of life, not only for murderers, but for all of

Best Album

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(except perhaps in Stevie Wonder's "Livin' for the City"), which should be heard by all, especially those living in a paradise such as this. Gutsy, blatant, depressing, "The Message" makes the stomach churn and the heart go out to those who are forced to live in the "jungle." The lyrics are genius; the rhythms driving. This song is not very danceable, and it is quite a challenge to keep up with the fast-paced vocals, but it is important. Listen to this song.



us performing on this stage.



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"I'm not my old lovable self when I'm around cigarettes. I get real cranky. So I want all you smokers to quit once and for all. And who knows? You might even put a smile on my face."

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Cultural Lecture

King's Murder: A 'Puzzling Crime'

appropriate exposure. Now Attorney Jeff Cohen, one of the foremost investigators of that tragic murder, brings it into focus and points the lecture, explores mysteries

Jeff Cohen is an attorney, investigative writer, lec-Board of Directors of the Angeles. He was the PBS Congressional investigation.

The assassination of Mother Jones, as well as two Martin Luther King is an books on assassinations, event which never received Government by Gun Play and The Assassination Pleas Almanac.

"Who Slew the Dreamer," a captivating slide show and of James Earl Ray's background and extended travels, analyzes the civil turer, and member of the rights movement which led Dr. King to Memphis on that Christian fateful day in April, 1968, and Leadership Conference, Los makes the boldest attempt yet to piece together the expert (commentator) for jigsaw puzzle details of the the national telecasts of the crime. This informative Congressional hearings on lecture on the life and death the King case and co- of Martin Luther King, Jr. authored the New Time will be held Friday night, Magazine cover article Jan. 21, in the UCSB Pavilion which influenced the at 7 p.m. Co-sponsors indirection of the 1978 clude: A.S. Student Lobby, Black Students Union, the Cohen's writing has ap- Black Studies Department, peared in The Nation, and the Center for Black University Review, and Studies. This is a free event.



Randy Hansen will perform a tribute to Jimi Hendrix in Campbell Hall on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale Monday morning at all the usual ticket outlets. Prices are \$7 for students and \$8 general admission.





Rock Films

Decline Returns to Campus

1981:

It's breakfast time at the Darby Crash household. Mr. Crash, lead singer of the Los Angeles punk band the March 12, 1981: Germs, sits playing with his pose beside it for pictures. it is revealing. Like it or not, While Michelle is talking, the punk phenomenon does Darby breaks the yolk of an express the frustration,

genuinely upset.

The Los Angeles Times,

Filmmaker Penelope companion, Michelle, tells a strikingly evident even when story: There was a she was a student at UCLA housepainter who had a more than a decade ago, has heart attack and died while taken a subject, punk rock working in the Crash music, that is of little or no backyard. When Michelle interest - and surely found the body, she thought repugnant to most people it such a funny sight that she and made of it a film that is persuaded her friends to as dynamic and engaging as

The New York Times, July 5, egg he is trying to fry. This hositility, despair, cynicism seems to make him and ugly prejudices of a portion of today's youth. At the very least, Spheeris makes us realize that punk is something adults should be aware of, and in the process his Spheeris, whose talent was she succeeds in entertaining

> San Francisco Examiner. May 20, 1981:

It is among the most powerful, awesome, frightening, fascinating, astonishing films ever seen and ranks as an unsurpassed social and musical documentary.

Photographer Kevin Margulies produced this high contrast negative image of artist Graham Budgett's wire sculpture which is currently on display in the UCen Art Gallery.

Special Events

UCSB College Bowl Continues

This exciting quiz show will be holding its UCSB tournament Jan. 24-28. College Bowl, "Varsity Sport of the Mind" is a trivia game with teams of four competint to earn the most points by answering questions on various subjects, such as sports, science, music, entertainment, etc. This is a nationwide competition and those who iwin here at UCSB will be sent to the regionals at Cal Poly Pomona. From there the winning team is sent to the National Competitions

which will be nationally televised. Sign ups will be taken until today, Jan. 20. There is individual and team registration, so join the fun! Also, be sure to catch some of the games on the following week. Here's the schedule:

Jan. 24, 6-10 p.m. Jan. 25, 2-6 p.m. Jan. 26, 5-9 p.m. Jan. 27, 6-10 p.m. Jan. 28, 4-8 p.m.

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A.S. Film Series The Plumber': Hard Hitting

series continues this week with Peter Weir's The Plumber.

Joan Crowder described The The Plumber as a hardhitting film. She goes on to praise Weir using his considerable filmmaking skills to make a fairly ordinary short story (which he wrote) an intense study in human On that level, it is an intellectual film, but Weir has however, provincial. On the students \$2.

The Wednesday night a way of intensifying every "Question Authority" film scene, every frame, every a way of intensifying every sound, so that the audience tensely awaits the next moment.

film defies classification. It is the story of an encounter between the intellectual wife of a medical professor and a brash young plumber who destroys both her bathroom and her mind.

Basically a story of the nature and social structure. residual class distinctions in shown Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Australia, the film is not, 8 p.m. in UCSB Physics 1610;

contrary, it is a hard-hitting psychological study of the uneasy truce between intellectuals and the working class anywhere in the world.

"Unique" is a word a reviewer avoids. But the talents of Peter Weir are such that that word must come out of the closet. His style is unique.

The Plumber will be



Reckless Desire, a local Santa Barbara band will be appearing in the Pub tonight at 8:30. Admission is free. ********************************