‘Motorcycle Diaries,’ ‘Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon,’ ‘Like Water for Chocolate’ Will Be Featured

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library announces a new summer film series featuring three blockbuster movies that celebrate Chinese and South American cultures to complement the seminal exhibition Made in the Americas: The New World Discovers Asia. The films -- Motorcycle Diaries (Diarios de motocicleta); Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (Wo hu cang long); and Like Water for Chocolate (Como agua para chocolate) -- will be shown on selected Wednesday evenings in July.

Opening the series on July 13 is Motorcycle Diaries (Diarios de motocicleta), a 2004 Argentine film directed by Walter Salles. It follows two friends going from Brazil to Peru by motorcycle, in 1952. Future revolutionary Ernesto “Che” Guevara (Gael Garcia Bernal) is on a break before his last semester of medical school; his friend is biochemist Alberto Granado (Rodrigo De la Serna). They encounter peasants, observe the exploitation of labor by industrialists, and eventually reach a leper colony. After witnessing these great disparities, Ernesto forgets his own comfort and sides with the sufferers.

The second film, on July 20, is Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (Wo hu cang long), a 2000 Chinese film directed by Ang Lee. It’s set in 19th century Qing Dynasty China. A martial arts warrior (Chow Yun-Fat) gives his sword to his lover (Michelle Yeoh) to deliver to safe keeping, but Green Destiny is stolen. Their search to find it involves distinctive battle scenes of zen warriors floating through the air and introspection about pain, revenge, and duty.

The third film, on July 27, is Like Water for Chocolate (Como agua para chocolate), a 1992 Mexican film directed by Alfonso Arau. Tita (Lumi Cavazos) is forbidden to marry her true love, Pedro (Marco Leonardi), because as the youngest daughter, tradition dictates that she must care for her mother. Pedro weds her older sister, Rosaura (Yareli Arizmendi), though he still loves Tita. The situation creates much tension and tests their love, and Tita’s emotions surface through her cooking.

The movies will be shown at 6:00 pm in Winterthur’s Copeland Lecture Hall, and the cost is $5 per Member, $8 per nonmember. Reservations are suggested by calling 302.888.4600 or 800.448.3883 (reservations are available only by phone). Admission also will be sold at the door.

Non-alcoholic beverages and light snacks may be purchased at the Winterthur food cart in the lobby. Outside food/beverages strictly prohibited.

Made in the Americas is on view at Winterthur through January 8, 2017.

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