**RADICAL MOVIE CALENDAR SPR./SUM. 2010**

**3/31** The Gladiators

In order to prevent a Third World War, the superpowers decide to introduce “international peace games” (i.e.- a miniature battle fought between teams of soldiers and later on broadcast on TV around the world). Peter Watkins dir.

**4/14** The Murder of Fred Hampton

Fred Hampton was the leader of the Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party. This film depicts his brutal murder by the Chicago police and its subsequent investigation, but also documents his activities in organizing the Chapter, his public speeches, and the programs he founded for children during the last eighteen months of his life.

**4/21** American History X

A California neo-Nazi gets sent to prison for murder and comes out a changed man. But can the reformed rebel atone for his sins and prevent his younger brother from following in his hate-filled footsteps? With searing performances and gut-wrenching realism.

**4/28** Fight Club

An insomniac corporate drone meets roguish rebel Tyler Durden and together they form a cathartic but brutal underground society in which men fight each other freely. But the line between reality and sleepless haze begins to blur when propagandist Durden transforms Fight Club from a group of non-conformists into a nihilistic cult.

**5/12** La Noche De Los Lapices

This motion picture, based on actual events, tells the story of seven teenagers, five boys and two girls, who, during a time of economic and political unrest in Argentina in the mid 1970s, protest for lower bus fares in Buenos Aires.

**5/19** Slingshot Hip Hop

Slingshot Hip Hop braids together the stories of young Palestinians living in Gaza, the West Bank and inside Israel as they discover Hip Hop and employ it as a tool to surmount divisions imposed by occupation and poverty. From internal checkpoints and Separation Walls to gender norms and generational differences, this is the story of young people crossing the borders that separate them. **8:00 pm**
5/26 Life & Debt

This documentary is a woven tapestry of sequences focusing on the stories of individual Jamaicans whose strategies for survival and parameters of day-to-day existence are determined by the U.S. and other foreign economic agendas.

6/9 Wag the Dog

Before elections, a spin-doctor and a Hollywood producer join efforts to "fabricate" a war in order to cover-up a presidential sex scandal.

6/16 Syriana

America is at the beck and call of the Middle East when it comes to the oil industry, and all its players -- Washington, sheiks, oil companies, field workers -- intersect with each other in this political thriller from director Stephen Gaghan.

6/23 District 9

When aliens land on Earth, global business conglomerate Multi-National United forces them into rigid containment zones where they are compelled to labor, even as MNU commandeers their otherworldly technology for profit. As tensions build between human and non-human races, a rogue agent leads a resistance movement against MNU's ruthless consolidation of power.

6/30 There Will Be Blood

Ambitious prospector Daniel Plainview strikes it rich when he buys the oil rights to a California family's ranch, turns a simple village into a boomtown and stokes the ire of a charismatic young preacher.
7/14 Malcolm X

*Spike Lee*'s drama illuminates the life of black nationalist Malcolm X, following him from his early days in prison to his conversion to Islam, marriage to Betty Shabazz and discovery of Elijah Mohammad's Nation of Islam writings. When Malcolm turns his back on the Nation of Islam (following a pilgrimage to Mecca), he becomes a murder target.

7/21 Into the Wild

This drama is based on the best-selling true account of a young man who gives up everything -- including his trust fund and ties to a seemingly stable family -- to lead a solitary life in the wild. Eschewing convention to trek across Alaska's harsh and often unforgiving terrain, Christopher McCandless resolves to live off the land. But along the way, he encounters emotional obstacles and unexpected hardship.

7/28 Children of Men

Film version of P.D. James's classic dystopian novel, a futuristic drama set in a world in which humans have lost the ability to reproduce and subsequently face certain extinction. Things change when a single woman mysteriously becomes pregnant, prompting a conflicted government bureaucrat and his ex-wife to join forces to protect her.

8/11 Inglorious Basterds

A Jewish cinema owner in occupied Paris is forced to host a Nazi movie premiere, where a radical group of American Jewish soldiers called the Basterds, led by Lt. Aldo Raine plans to roll out a score-settling scheme. The face-off is about to go down -- that's if Col. Hans Landa aka "The Jew Hunter" doesn't get in the way. Quentin Tarantino directs this World War II-set spaghetti Western.

8/18 A

In the aftermath of the 1995 sarin gas release in Tokyo's subway system, director Tatsuya Mori went behind the scenes to chart the activities of Aum Shinrikyo, the group responsible for the attack. This riveting documentary -- two years in the making -- sheds light on the members' beliefs and daily routines, focusing on apprehensive spokesman Hiroshi Araki. Cameras capture the media frenzy that engulfed the cult along with the public's outrage.
8/25 Watchmen

Zack Snyder directs this adaptation of Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons's graphic novel set in a parallel Earth in 1985, where superheroes are prohibited from using their powers despite the threat of nuclear war. When one of their number is murdered, however, the outlaw heroes unite to defend themselves.

9/8 Gonzo: The Life And Times Of Hunter S. Thompson

Always ready to hurl himself into the heart of the action, journalist and author Hunter S. Thompson was fearless as well as reckless. This admiring documentary looks beyond his wild antics to focus on the pluck and principles that made him a success. Home movies, audiotapes and unpublished materials offer added insight into a complex cult figure renowned for his love of sex, drugs and alcohol.

9/15 Z

Based on true events, closely parallels the real-life assassination of a Greek doctor and humanist whose 1963 murder led to public scandal and eventual overthrow of the democratic government in Greece. Part mystery and part thriller, the film made its mark as a groundbreaking political roman à clef, and its edge-of-your-seat plot, vérité photography and driving score resonate even today.

9/22 The Anarchist's Wife

With her young anarchist husband, Justo Calderón, gone for long stretches of time, first resisting the fascists in the Spanish Civil War and then in a concentration camp during World War II, devoted wife Manuela struggles to keep their love alive. Her determined efforts to reunite with her husband give Manuela purpose, but their long-distance love comes at a price.

9/29 Las Lenguas de las Mariposas

At the onset of the Spanish Civil War, a sheltered boy in rural northern Spain forms an indelible bond with his kindly leftist teacher, who imparts his love for nature to the young student. Director Jose Luis Cuerda gentle and nostalgic drama, based on the short stories of Manuel Rivas.
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