

## FILM SHORTS

Reviewers: Bob Grimm and Juan-Carlos Selznick.

### Opening this week

#### Glass

The third film in writer/director M. Night Shyamalan's *Unbreakable* trilogy (which includes previous entries *Unbreakable* and *Split*) pits a hero with superhuman strength (Bruce Willis) against two "supervillains"—a dangerously unstable man with 24 personalities (James McAvoy) and a genius mass-murderer with brittle bones (Samuel L. Jackson). Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.



#### Shoplifters

See review this issue. Pageant Theatre. Rated R —J.C.S.

### Now playing

#### Aquaman

Jason Momoa takes his superhuman physique from *Game of Thrones* to the title character in this film adaptation of DC Comics' half-human/half-Atlantean heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

#### Bumblebee

The sixth film in the *Transformers* film series revolves around the bot Bumblebee and the teen girl who becomes its partner in defending Earth from the Decepticons. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

#### A Dog's Way Home

Will faithful dog Bella find her way 400 miles back to her owner? Probably. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG.

#### Escape Room

Six strangers are forced to band together and use their wits to survive an exceedingly elaborate—and deadly—escape room. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.



#### Green Book

Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen start in this feel-good movie about race relations in America that goes light on the grit and heavy on the sentiment. Based on a true story, it starts off with Tony Lip (Mortensen), an Italian-American bouncer who gets a gig as a driver and bodyguard for Dr. Don Shirley (Ali), a black classical pianist who is touring the Deep South. It's a road movie, with Tony driving and Don sitting in the back seat. The two use the book of the movie's title—a guide offering a listing of safe havens for black travelers in segregated Southern states—to find places where Don can find shelter and eat. Things get ugly when Don tries to do such mundane things as buy a suit or eat in a restaurant where he's been hired to play. Tony steps in for his boss during these racially charged episodes, and occasionally cracks a few skulls. As his eyes are opened to the realities of life for Dr. Don, Tony learns lessons about loving people no matter the color of their skin and perhaps about how to drop fewer racial slurs before the credits roll. Cinemark 14. Rated R —B.G.

#### Mary Poppins Returns

Rob Marshall (*Chicago*, *Into the Woods*) takes on another movie musical, this one an update on the 1964 classic, set a couple of decades after the events in *Mary Poppins*, with Emily Blunt playing the title character. Also starring Lin-Manuel Miranda (*Hamilton*), Colin Firth and Meryl Streep. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG.

#### The Mule

Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this real-life story about a 90-year-old World War II veteran who was caught transporting cocaine for a drug cartel. Also starring Bradley Cooper, Diane Wiest, Michael Peña and Laurence Fishburne. Cinemark 14. Rated R.

#### On the Basis of Sex

A biopic on the early life of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, starring Felicity Jones as the young law student and women's rights crusader. Cinemark 14. Rated PG-13.

#### Ralph Breaks the Internet

In this sequel to the 2012 animated feature *Wreck-It Ralph*, the soft-hearted giant (voice of John C. Reilly) and the cast of video-game characters have broken free of their arcade machine. Cinemark 14. Rated PG.

#### Replicas

A sci-fi mystery starring Keanu Reeves as a neuroscientist who tries to bring his family back to life after they die in a car accident. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

#### Second Act

Jenny from the block tricks her way into a Madison Avenue gig and is forced to prove that "street smarts equal book smarts." Cinemark 14. Rated PG-13.



#### Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

No movie adaptation has captured the rush of reading an exciting comic book like this blast of energy from directors Bob Persichetti, Peter Ramsey and Rodney Rothman. They go for broke with a seamless mixture of visual styles—hand-drawn and computer animated—and the story is pretty great, to boot. Teenager Miles Morales (voiced by Shameik Moore) is bitten by a strange spider and then, with his new-found powers in effect, crosses paths with the original Spider-Man, Peter Parker (Chris Pine). Turns out a portal from a parallel universe has opened up, allowing a whole fleet of different Spider-Verse characters to come into his orbit—the older Peter B. Parker (the invaluable Jake Johnson), Gwen Stacy (Hailee Steinfeld), Spider-Ham (a mishmash of Spidey and Porky Pig voiced by John Mulaney), Peni Parker (Kimiko Glenn) and her robot and, best of all, Nicolas Cage as the black-and-white Spider-Man Noir. So, Miles is one of many heroes with Spider powers tasked with battling bad dudes. *Spider-Verse* is surely one of the best movies of the year and the best *Spider-Man* movie to date. Cinemark 14. Rated PG —B.G.

#### The Upside

A buddy dramedy about the relationship that develops between a wealthy quadriplegic (Bryan Cranston) and the ex-con (Kevin Hart) hired to take care of him. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13..

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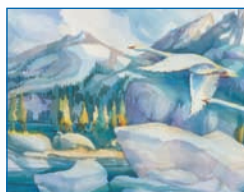
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Painting by Lenn Goldman

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### "GATHERING OF WINGS" BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019

5:30PM - 10:00PM

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Don't miss the biggest event of the Snow Goose Festival, our "Gathering of Wings" Banquet. This treasured evening is a mix of great food, great company and great entertainment and is anticipated by many as the one chance per year they have to visit and catch up with fellow birders and friends in the community. Join field trip leaders, workshop presenters and all our hard-working committee members and volunteers in celebrating this special evening.

### SPECIAL GUEST & KEYNOTE SPEAKER: NATURALIST AND BIRDING GUIDE DAVID WIMPFHEIMER

A resident of Point Reyes since the early '80s, David will outline some of the factors that result in the dramatic diversity of the migratory and breeding birds in his lively presentation, "Point Reyes and the Farallon Islands: A Mecca for Birds and Birders." He will examine trends and changes and share stories of special birds that have been seen over the decades.

### SILENT AUCTION BEGINS AT 5:30PM

The vibrant Silent Auction tables will accompany us while we dine at the BMU and will include a variety of exquisite items including works of art, wine, and services. Your financial participation directly affects our ability to ensure that the Snow Goose Festival remains the North State's premier birding event, so enjoy the evening bidding for an event or item that you love. You won't be disappointed!