

## FILM SHORTS

**Reviewers: Bob Grimm, Juan-Carlos Selznick and Neesa Sonoquie.**

### Opening this week

#### Brittany Runs a Marathon

A dramedy starring Jillian Bell as a woman who sets out to lose weight and train for running the New York City Marathon. Cinemark 14. Rated R.



#### The Farewell

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

#### The Goldfinch

Film adaptation of Donna Tartt's Pulitzer Prize-winning 2015 novel, a coming-of-age story about a man who's taken in by a wealthy family as a young boy after his mother was killed in a bombing at a museum. Starring Nicole Kidman, Luke Wilson and Jeffrey Wright. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R.

#### Hustlers

Constance Wu, Jennifer Lopez, Julia Stiles and Cardi B star as a crew of strippers who hustle money from Wall Street clients who frequent the club. Inspired by a true-life 2015 story that appeared in New York magazine. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R.

### Now playing

#### Angel Has Fallen

Gerard Butler and Morgan Freeman return for this third *Fallen* film (following *Olympus Has Fallen* and *London Has Fallen*), with the former as a Secret Service agent now on the run after being framed for an assassination attempt on the latter (now playing the U.S. president). Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R.



#### Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs & Shaw

*Hobbs & Shaw* is actually a spinoff from the series. In other words, rejoice! The leaden, dreary Vin Diesel is nowhere to be seen in this movie. Now we can have some real fun! *Hobbs & Shaw* is a bizarre hybrid of spy thriller, action flick, screwball comedy and science fiction. Here, *Furious* franchise regulars Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) and Shaw (Jason Statham) are tasked with protecting the latter's sister, Hattie (Vanessa Kirby), after she injects herself with something

that will have worldwide consequences if she's captured. The main antagonist is Brixton (Idris Elba), a former Shaw ally who has turned into some sort of bionic badass dubbed, by himself, "Black Superman." Stuntman-turned-director David Leitch, who gave us the first *John Wick* and *Deadpool 2*, knows his way around an action scene, and his edits create constant action and laughs—thanks in large part to Johnson and Statham's great timing and onscreen chemistry. And while it's expected that the tough-guy leads will kick ass in movies such as this, it's Kirby who steals the show as the action hero of this installment. She is a total badass. Cinemark 14. Rated PG-13—B.G.

#### Good Boys

Three sixth-grade boys embark on an epic, R-rated coming-of-age odyssey. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R.

#### It Chapter Two

It's been 27 years since the kids of the Losers Club defeated the evil clown Pennywise, but children have started to disappear in Derry once again, and the now-grown crew must reconvene to try and destroy it once and for all. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated R.

#### The Lion King

Jon Favreau (*Elf*, *Iron Man*) directs this photorealistic CGI remake of the 1994 Disney animated classic that features an impressive cast of voice actors, including Chiwetel Ejiofor, Donald Glover, Beyoncé, Seth Rogen, John Oliver and, naturally, James Earl Jones as Mufasa. Cinemark 14. Rated PG.

#### Overcomer

A Christian-based film about a high-school basketball coach who faces a crisis of faith and a new challenge as a mentor for an unlikely cross-country athlete. Cinemark 14. Rated PG.

#### The Peanut Butter Falcon

The story of a teen boy with Down syndrome (Zack Gottsagen) who runs away and sets off on a journey to a wrestling camp to realize his dream of becoming a pro wrestler. Also starring Shia LaBeouf, Dakota Johnson and Bruce Dern. Cinemark 14, Feather River Cinemas. Rated PG-13.

#### Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark

Alvin Schwartz's 1980s series of children's scary short stories gets the cinematic horror treatment. Cinemark 14. Rated PG.

*The Goldfinch*



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