

New Acquisitions (Last 3 Months)

The Betrayal (Nerakhoon)

92908,DV

96 min color sound
C-A 2008 CGUILD

Epic story of a family forced to emigrate from war-torn Laos after the chaos of the secret air war waged by the U.S. during the Vietnam War, to the mean streets of New York City. Kuras has spent the last 23 years chronicling the family's extraordinary journey in this deeply personal, poetic, and emotional film. Directed by Ellen Kuras and Thavisouk Phrasavath. Narration in English. Interviews in Lao with English subtitles.

Family, Histories of; Vietnam; Vietnam War, 1961-1975; Southeast Asia; Immigration and emigration / Refugees; New York

Bolt

92904,DV

96 min color Caps
J-A 2009 *MIDWES

Super-dog Bolt is the star of a hit TV show. His life is filled with adventure, danger, and intrigue. When Bolt is accidentally shipped to New York City and separated from Penny, his beloved co-star and owner, he immediately springs into action to save her from the forces of evil. With the help of his number one fan and loyal partner, Rhino, and an alley cat name Mittens, they embark on an extraordinary mission to reunite with Penny. Along the way, Bolt realizes that you don't have to be a superhero to be a hero. Voices by: John Travolta, Miley Cyrus, Susie Essman, Mark Walton, and Malcolm McDowell. Directed by Byron Howard and Chris Williams. No public performance rights. Classroom instruction and home use permitted. Closed-captioned.

Animated films; Feature films, Animal themes; Children's programs, Feature-length

Capturing Reality: The Art of Documentary (Art du Reel: Le Cinema Documentaire)

92907,DV

97 min color Caps
S-A 2008 NFBC

Over 30 renowned directors – including Errol Morris, Nick Broomfield, and Werner Herzog – reflect on the power of their craft, and their ethical and social responsibility as filmmakers. With emotionally charged insight and clips from essential works of the documentary genre, this is a lively and panoramic view of contemporary cinema unlike any other. In English with optional French subtitles and French credits. Bonus disc includes over 4 hours of additional content. Directed by Pepita Ferrari. Closed-captioned.

Documentary films; Filmmaking

The Celluloid Closet

92903,DV

101 min Caps
C-A 2001 *MIDWES

Assembles footage from over 120 films showing the changing face of cinema homosexuality from cruel stereotypes to covert love to the activist cinema of the 1990s. Many actors, writers, and commentators provide anecdotes regarding the history of the role of gay men and lesbians on the silver screen. Based on the book by Vito Russo. Closed-captioned.

Gay and lesbian issues; Human sexuality; Films, Historic / History of; Feature films, Homosexual themes

The Final Inch

41127,DV

38 min color sound
S-A 2008 *AMAZON

Recounts the efforts of public health workers to eradicate the polio virus in the poorest regions of the modern world. Produced and directed by Irene Taylor Brodsky. In English and undetermined languages with optional subtitles in English, French, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Hindi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Bengali, Marathi, Japanese, Kannada, Swedish, Mandarin, Arabic, Arabic, Italian, and Korean. No public performance rights. Classroom instruction and home use permitted.

Disabilities, Physical; Health care, Diseases – Miscellaneous; Medical sciences; Poverty; Health care, Medicines / Pharmacology

Football Under Cover

92905,DV

86 min color sound
S-A 2008 HARRA

Amateur women's soccer team in Germany journeys to Tehran with the intention of arranging a match with amateur Iranian women soccer players. Their task is complicated by Iran's bureaucratic, political, and social hurdles. Directed by Ayat Najafi and David Assmann. In German and Persian with subtitles in Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Persian Portuguese, Spanish and Turkish. REGION 2 DVD.

Sports; Women in sports; Germany; Iran; Documentary films; Biography, Women

The Garden

80241,DV

80 min color sound
S-A 2009 *AMAZON

The fourteen-acre community garden at 41st and Alameda in South Central Los Angeles is the largest of its kind in the United States. Started as a form of healing after the devastating L.A. riots in 1992, the South Central Farmers have since created a miracle in one of the country's most blighted neighborhoods. Growing their own food. Feeding their families. Creating a community. But now, bulldozers are poised to level this oasis. Produced and directed by Scott Hamilton Kennedy. In English and Spanish with English subtitles. No public performance rights. Classroom instruction and home use permitted.

Gardens and gardening; City planning; California

Great Speeches: Today's Women, Volume 7

92906,DV

135 min color sound
C-A 2009 *EDVGP

A series of speeches by women on national concerns and issues; each speech is preceded by a video narrative to place it in context. Features Elizabeth Edwards (Facing My Mortality); Michelle Obama (2008 DNC speech); Cindy McCain (2008 RNC speech); Mary McAleese, President of Ireland (Notre Dame Commencement); Ambassador Mary Yates (Oregon State Commencement); Lilly Ledbetter (Suing for Equal Pay); and Carly Fiorina (2008 RNC speech). Narrated by Kim Hood Jacobs.

Women, General history, issues, and influence; Politics and government, U.S.; Public speaking

Inferential Statistics

41125,DV

36 min color Caps
S-A 2005 *INSMED

Using magic and circus motifs, this program demonstrates the significance of probability theory and the importance of using the correct test to analyze research data. From the series: Research Methods in the Social Sciences. Alternate title: Inferential Stats. Written and directed by Helen Staveley-Taylor. Closed-captioned.

Statistics; Scientific method / Field techniques / Research Methods

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Made in L.A. (Hecho en Los Angeles)

70201,DV

70 min color sound

S-A 2007 CNEWS

Traces the moving transformations of three Latina garment workers on the fault lines of global economic change who decide they must resist. Through a groundbreaking law suit and consumer boycott, they fight to establish an important legal and moral precedent of holding an American retailer liable for the labor conditions under which its products are manufactured. An insiders view into both the struggles of recent immigrants, and into the organizing process itself. Directed by Almudena Carracedo. In English and Spanish with bi-lingual subtitles.

Immigration and emigration / Refugees; Business, U.S. industries; Labor and laboring classes; Courts and the law; Biography, Women; Women, Workplace / Business / Career issues and influence

Narrative Therapy with Children

92902,DV

103 min color sound

S-A 2002 *INSMED

Stephen Madigan, Jon Carlson, and Don Keat discuss narrative therapy as it relates to children, followed by an actual therapy session. The program concludes with a question and answer session with the studio audience. A production of Communications Services, Governors State University. From the series: Child Therapy with the Experts.

Psychiatry and psychology, Childhood-related issues / Therapies

No. 4 Street of Our Lady

92909,DV

90 min sound

S-A 2009 *SEVEN

Story of Francisca Halamajowa, a Polish Catholic woman who hid 15 of her Jewish neighbors during the Holocaust. Filmmakers: Barbara Bird, Judy Maltz, Richie Sherman.

History, Europe – 20th century; Biography; Holocaust, Jewish; Documentary films; Poland; Religion, Judaic; World War II, 1939-1945

South Africa: The White Laager

63297,DV

56 min sound

C-A 1977 *VILFIL

Explores the history of the Afrikaners and Afrikaner nationalism, and the development of apartheid and its relevance to South Africa's political situation today. Filmmaker: Peter Davis.

Africa, History; South Africa, Republic of; Politics and government, Foreign; Apartheid; Racism / Race relations

Ultimate Power: Evil Rising

41126,VH

42 min sound

S-A 1999 FFHS

Traces Hitler's amazing ascent from corporal in the Great War through his foray into politics, his imprisonment after the bungled Beer Hall Putsch, his bid for the presidency against Paul von Hindenberg, and his subsequent installment as Chancellor. From the series "Century: Events that Shaped the World. In English and German with English subtitles.

Biography, Men; Germany; Statesmen; History, Europe – 20th century; Propaganda

The Witness: From the Balcony of Room 306

38769,DV

32 min color sound

S-A 2009 *VIDOGO

Chronicles the final days and hours of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as told through the eyes of his contemporary, Reverend Samuel Billy Kyles, who stood on the balcony with Dr. King when he was slain that fateful day at the Lorraine Motel in 1968. Directed by Adam Pertofsky.

History, U.S. – 1945-1975; Civil rights; African-American history and culture; Black issues and people; Biography, Men; Tennessee