

FILM SERIES 2010-2011

IN THE HISTORIC MICHIGAN THEATER



Coming of Age in Korean High School

Just as films about high school students have a long tradition in Hollywood, high school films are an important sub-genre of contemporary Korean cinema. Nonetheless the significant differences that exist between US and Korean high schools mean that such films inevitably differ from their Hollywood counterparts. Through six films of various genres we explore the issues and anxieties faced by young Koreans in this memorable stage of life.

Films are free and open to the public. All films have English subtitles.
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SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 • 2pm

말죽거리 잔혹사 *Once upon a Time in High School* (Directed by Yu Ha, 2004, 116 min.)
Coming of age movie about a young adult/teenager in military school in South Korea, and the bullying, unrequited love, and parental pressures that he has to deal with.

OCTOBER 30, 2010 • 2pm

품행제로 *Conduct Zero* (Directed by Jo Geun-sik, 2002, 99 min.)
Joong-pil is the undisputed "king" of his high school due to his fighting skills. His life is comfortable until he falls in love with Min-hee, a pretty girl from a neighboring school.

NOVEMBER 13, 2010 • 2pm

천하장사 마돈나 *Like a Virgin* (Directed by Lee Hey-young and Lee Hey-jun, 2006, 116 min.)
High school student and Madonna fan Dong-ku thinks he's a woman trapped in a man's body, and joins his school's wrestling team in order to win prize money for a sex-change operation.

DECEMBER 11, 2010 • 2pm

피터팬의 공식 *The Peter Pan Formula* (Directed by Cho Chang-ho, 2005, 109 min.)
Han-soo is a talented swimmer preparing for national competition, but when his single mother attempts suicide, he quits the team and grows distant and alienated from his classmates.

JANUARY 15, 2011 • 2pm

여고괴담 2 *Memento Mori* (Directed by Min Kyu-dong and Kim Tae-yong, 1999, 98 min.)
When Min-ah finds a diary kept by two ostracized classmates at a girls's school, she gains a glimpse into their intense relationship. When one of them commits suicide, the school is transformed into a place of morbid terror, as if the words written in the diary have come to life.

JANUARY 29, 2011 • 2pm

올학교 이터 *Our School's E.T.* (Directed by Park Kwang-choon, 2008, 120 min.)
Seong-gun is a high school gym teacher. When the school decides to strengthen its English program, Seong-gun decides that learning and teaching English is the only way to survive.