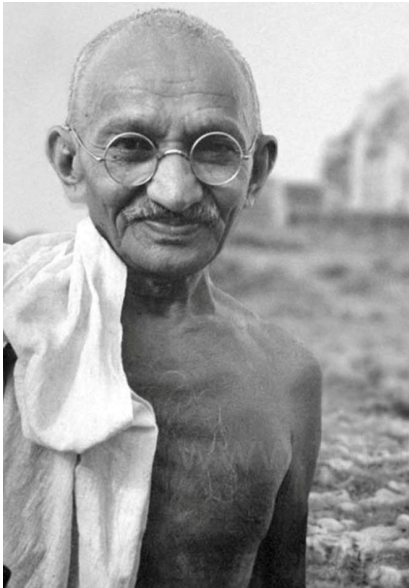




SPIRITUAL CINEMA SERIES
The Illuminating Power of Film!

Kansas City's Most Enlightening
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Three New Illuminating Films

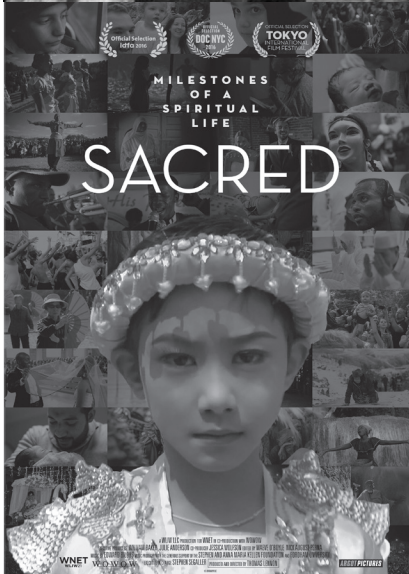


THURSDAY, MAY 11 7:00pm

GANDHI'S GIFT

THE WORLD NEEDS HIM NOW MORE THAN EVER

This inspiring, new film shows the Master of Nonviolence at the end of his life, on the brink of attaining his lifelong goal of freedom from the British, but with his heart breaking by the partition of India and the terrible communal violence that is killing untold thousands. Having led masses in nonviolent marches, Gandhi now walks alone for unity and peace. **GANDHI'S GIFT** reveals inspiring details about his life that were known only by scholars before now. Historians and witnesses who actually grew up in the Mahatma's presence tell this story along with featured commentary from Dr. Rajmohan Gandhi who is both an historian and grandson with vivid memories of his grandfather's final days. His timeless story is as timely as ever, introducing a 21st Century Gandhi with a message of nonviolence and interfaith harmony more important now than even when he walked the Earth. Filmed on location in India, South Africa and the UK at all of the important sites in Gandhi's life. **Meet producer Cynthia Lukas who will introduce her film and lead an audience Q&A following.**

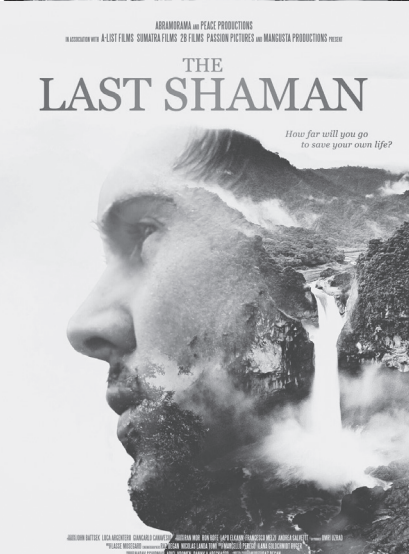


THURSDAY, MAY 18 7:00pm

SACRED

MILESTONES OF A SPIRITUAL LIFE

At a time when religious hatreds dominate the world's headlines Oscar-winning director Thomas Lennon commissioned 40 independent filmmakers from more than 25 countries to explore faith as a primary human experience and how people turn to sacred traditions to navigate the milestones and crises of daily life. The result is an immersive exploration of spirituality across cultures and religions sweeping in global reach and yet intensely intimate. Told without narration, without experts and, for long stretches, without words at all, the film draws the viewer into a string of private moments, sometimes for just seconds, at other times in depth. Each filmmaking team contributed a single scene capturing a unique moment in a key passages of life From a young Muslim father in Egypt chanting the call to prayer for his baby who is only minutes old to coming of age moments in Spain, India and Israel, An epic and kaleidoscopic cinematic experience. **Writer and founder of the Kansas City Interfaith Council, Vern Barnet, leads an Audience Discussion following the screening with community respondents civic leader Alvin Brooks, playwright Donna Ziegenhorn, and the Most Venerable Sunyananda Dharma.**



THURSDAY, MAY 25 7:00pm

THE LAST SHAMAN

HOW FAR WILL YOU GO TO SAVE YOUR OWN LIFE?

This powerful new film follows James Freeman, a young man who is faced with a debilitating and incurable depression. In an attempt to take his life into his own hands, he travels to the Amazon jungle to experience the healing properties of an ancient Amazonian healing plant, Ayahuasca, and the world around it. Without knowing any of the dangers that lies ahead of him, James starts searching for a Shaman who can help him. Along his journey James faces different obstacles and life threatening experiences on his road towards finding redemption. He must come to acknowledge the space inside himself he struggles to understand. After undergoing various forms of treatments from the tribal plants medicines he is faced with the consequences of his own actions. He undergoes a life changing experience in the jungle that brings him a deeper of understanding and acceptance of self. This latest film from the producers of "Searching for Sugar Man" and "Imposter" is an another unexpected mystery and an important story of self discovery and natural healing.



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