

# MOVIES

## CINEMA DIRECTORY

### Chapel Hill

**Carolina Blue and White:**  
East Franklin Street, 942-3061  
**Plaza I, II, III:** Elliot Road ext.,  
967-4737

**Ram Triple:** NCNB Plaza, 967-8284

**Varsity Theater:** 123 E. Franklin St., 967-8665

### Raleigh/Cary

**Cardinal I and II:** North Hills Shopping Plaza, Six Forks Road, 787-9565

**Falls Twin:** Falls Village Shopping Center, 847-0326

**Imperial Cinemas:** Cary Village Shopping Center, 467-0009

**Mission Valley Cinemas:** Mission Valley Shopping Center, 834-8520

**Rialto:** 1620 Glenwood Ave. at Five Points, 833-2502

**Six Forks Station Cinemas:** 9600 Forum Drive 846-2120

**South Hills I and II:** 1280 Buck Jones Road, Cary, 467-0387

**Studio I and II:** Electric Company Mall, Hillsborough Street, 832-5949

**Terrace Twin:** 5438 Six Forks Road, 847-5677

**Tower Merchants Six:** Tower Merchants Village, 834-0164

**Tower Twin:** Tower Shopping Center, 834-8592

**Village Twin:** 511 Washburn Ave., Cameron Village, 832-8151

**Waverley:** 2001 Kildaire Farm Road, 851-9713

### Durham

**Center Theater:** Lakewood Shopping Center, 489-4226

**South Square Cinemas:** South Square Mall, 493-3502

**Willowdale Cinemas:** Willowdale Shopping Center, 477-4681

**Yorktowne Twin:** Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard, 489-2327

Plaza, Imperial, Village Twin, Six Forks, Tower Twin, Willowdale, South Square: call for times.

**Cocoon: The Return (PG)**  
More of the same, starring the entire original cast plus Elaine Stritch. Directed by Daniel Petrie.

Varsity, Mission Valley, Waverley, Six Forks, Willowdale: call for times.

**The Land Before Time (G)**  
From the makers of "An American Tail" comes a cute little story about dinosaurs.

Ram, Cardinal, Imperial, Tower Twin, South Square: call for times.

**Without A Clue (PG)**  
Michael Caine and Ben Kingsley star in a comedy spoof of the Sherlock Holmes story.

Plaza: call for times.

**Everybody's All American (R)**  
The lives of a football hero, his college girlfriend and his admiring nephew intertwine over 25 years.

Based on Frank Deford's book. Directed by Taylor Hackford and starring Dennis Quaid, Jessica Lange and Timothy Hutton.

Ram: call for times.

**Crossing Delancey**  
Ram: call for times.

### ELSEWHERE:

**Ernest Saves Christmas (PG)**  
The twerp is back with a seasonal film. I will be first in line. Oh, yes, I will.

Six Forks, Tower Merchants, Waverley, Mission Valley, Willowdale: call for times.

**The Year My Voice Broke (PG-13)**

This portrait of adolescence won the Best Picture award at the Australian Oscars.

Rialto: 3:15, 7:15.

**Oliver and Company (G)**  
See the Christmas movie guide, page 10.

Terrace Twin: 2, 3:45, 5:35, 7:25. Willowdale, South Square: call for times.

**Wedding in Galilee (R)**

The saga of an Arab patriarch on the Israeli West Bank. In Hebrew and Arabic (with subtitles). Directed by Michel Khleifi.

Rialto: 5:15 (S and S); 9:15.

**Messenger Of Death (R)**  
There's always an audience for a horror movie.

Tower Twin: call for times.

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)**

Rialto: late show (call for times).

**Imagine: John Lennon**  
An absorbing documentary on the life of John Lennon. Directed by Andrew Solt ("This Is Elvis").

Falls Twin: call for times.

**Gorillas In The Mist**  
The true-life story of anthropol-

ogist Dian Fossey as directed by Michael Apted and starring Sigourney Weaver.

Falls Twin: call for times.

**Feds**  
South Hills: call for times.

**Tougher Than Leather**  
Christmas Rappin'.  
South Hills, Yorktowne: call for times.

**Married To The Mob (R)**  
Yorktowne: call for times.

## Holiday flicks

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person who can tell them apart. Directed by Ivan Reitman of "Animal House" and "Ghostbusters" fame.

**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**  
Michael "I'll make any movie" Caine and Steve Martin (last seen in "Roxanne") team up for a comedy based on the 1964 film "Bedtime Story" which paired David Niven and Marlon Brando for the first and last time. Caine plays a smooth con-man who smarms money from wealthy women. Martin, a rather less smooth con-man, tries to take over his prosperous line of business, and a contest ensues between them. Frank Oz, director of "Little Shop of Horrors" and the voice of Miss Piggy, directs from a screenplay by Dale Launer ("Ruthless People").

**My Stepmother is an Alien**  
Dan Ackroyd churns his stuff out at the same rate kudzu grows. In his latest comedy-caper, he marries an alien woman, played by Kim Basinger ("9½ Weeks"). His daughter is not exactly happy at the prospect. Directed by Richard Benjamin ("The Money Pit," "My Favorite Year").

**Oliver & Co.** The word is definitely out on this one: Disney is once again producing fine animated features in the tradition of Uncle Walt himself. Thanks to millions pouring in from Touchstone blockbusters such as "Splash," "Three Men and a Baby," "Good Morning, Vietnam" and the tremendous success of the groundbreaking "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," they can now promise a full-length animated film every two years. This jazzy up-to-date of "Oliver Twist" features the voices of Billy Joel, Bette Midler, Robert Loggia and Cheech Marin. With any luck it will be in Chapel Hill by Christmas.

And finally a group of more unusual films, in case you want to be a little different.

## MOVIES AT THE UNION

Sunday, Dec. 11 — 7 and 9:30

### The Thomas Crown Affair

This terrific film stars Steve McQueen and Faye Dunaway. Directed by Norman Jewison ("Moonstruck"), with some brilliant split-screen cinematography by Haskell Wexler, if you're into that sort of thing.

Compiled in a truly festive spirit by Richard Smith and James Dean.

**Torch Song Trilogy** Harvey Fierstein brings his Tony award-winning play to the screen. As he did on stage, he plays Arnold Beckoff, a professional drag queen; and Matthew Broderick, who originally played Beckoff's adopted son in the Broadway production, now co-stars as his lover. Anne Bancroft completes the trio as Beckoff's Jewish mother in what promises to be one of the more controversial films of the season.

**Another Woman** Woody Allen's second drama in a row — after the drab "September" — stars Gena Rowlands as a college professor who moves in next to a psychologist and becomes involved with one of his clients. This blatant variation on Ingmar Bergman's "Wild Strawberries" has received much critical praise, particularly for its cast that includes Gene Hackman, John Houseman, Sandy Dennis and, of course, Mia Farrow.

**Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown** This film is already breaking house records in New York theaters. It's the latest from young Spanish director Pedro Almodovar, whose past films, "Law of Desire," "Matador" and "What Have I Done to Deserve This?" have made sex and weirdness more enjoyable than ever before. The plot of this one involves a separating couple, a feminist lawyer, an institutionalized estranged wife and another woman who has recently broken off an affair with a Shiite Muslim and is on the run from the police — and they are all on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Frankly, how can you go wrong?

That's it. There's definitely something there for everyone. So you've got no excuse. We'd just like to end, wishing you and your families many happy hours in and out of the movie theater this Christmas.

**NEXT WEEK'S MOVIES** (Starting Friday. All times p.m.)

**LAST CHANCE TONIGHT IN CHAPEL HILL:**

**Bird (R)**  
The life and times of jazzman Charlie "Bird" Parker directed by jazz lover Clint Eastwood. Starring Forest Whitaker and Diane Venora.

Varsity: 2, 6:20, 9:30 (Friday and Saturday); 2, 5, 8 (Sunday through Thursday).

**Child's Play (R)**  
There's always an audience for a horror movie.

Ram, Tower Merchants, Cardinal, Willowdale: call for times.

**OPENINGS:**

**Twins (R)**  
See the Christmas movie guide, page 10.

Varsity, Waverley, Six Forks, Tower Merchants, Mission Valley: call for times.

**My Stepmother is An Alien (PG-13)**  
See the Christmas movie guide, page 10.

Carolina: 2, 4:30 (S and S); 7, 9:35. Six Forks, Tower Merchants, Village Twin, Imperial, Willowdale: call for times.

**Buster**  
Phil Collins was a child actor before he drummed for Genesis. Here he struts his stuff with Julie Walters ("Educating Rita") in a story based on England's Great Train Robbery of the '60s.

Waverley: call for times.

**Ernest Saves Christmas**  
Nightly 7:15-9:15 (PG)  
SAT & SUN MATINEE 2:15-4:15

**Child's Play (R)**  
Nightly 7:10-9:10  
SAT & SUN MATINEE 2:10-4:10

**My Stepmother is An Alien (PG-13)**  
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**Oliver and Company (G)**  
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**Without A Clue (PG)**  
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**Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**  
See the Christmas movie guide, page 10.

Cardinal: starts Wednesday (call for times).

**CURRENT RUNS IN CHAPEL HILL:**

**Tequila Sunrise (R)**  
Two former high school buddies clash when one (a cop) has to put the other (a former drug dealer) behind bars. Starring Mel Gibson, Kurt Russell and Michelle Pfeiffer. Directed and written by Robert Towne (who wrote "Shampoo" and "Chinatown"). See review, page 9.

Plaza, Imperial, Mission Valley, Six Forks, Tower Merchants, Willowdale: call for times.

**Naked Gun (PG-13)**  
From the makers of "Airplane," "Top Secret" and "Ruthless People" comes this slapstick screwballer about a Los Angeles businessman who is hired by terrorists to assassinate the Queen of England. Starring Leslie Nielsen, Priscilla Presley, John Houseman, etc. David Zucker directs. See review, page 9.

Carolina: 1:30, 3:45, 5:30 (S and S); 7:30, 9:20. Mission Valley, Terrace Twin, Waverley, Tower Merchants, Willowdale: call for times.

**Scrooged (PG-13)**  
Bill Murray returns in this update of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." See if you can count the cameos. Richard Donner ("Superman," "Lethal Weapon") directs.

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**Donnis Quaid/Jessica Lange**  
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CHAPEL HILL PLAZA 3

ELLIOT ROAD @ E. FRANKLIN 967-4737

Bill Murray  
**SCROOGED (PG-13)**  
2:25-4:40-7:00-9:25

Michael Caine  
**Without A Clue (PG)**  
2:30-4:45-7:05-9:10

**"HOT AND INTOXICATING ...A SEXY SIZZLER."** — Pat Collins, WWOR-TV

MEL GIBSON MICHELLE PFEIFFER KURT RUSSELL

**TEQUILA SUNRISE**  
A dangerous mix

2:40-5:00-7:20-9:45

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EAST FRANKLIN 967-8655

**LAST DAY**  
2:00-5:00  
8:00

**ERNEST SAVES CHRISTMAS**  
LAST DAY! LAST DAY!  
2:00-4:15  
7:05-9:20

**COCOON**  
THE RETURN  
ORIGINAL CAST  
2:00-4:15  
7:05-9:20

**TWINS**  
SCHWARZENEGGER DEVITO

Only their mother can tell them apart.

2:10  
4:20  
7:10  
9:20  
11:30  
KINTEK STEREO

OPENS TO MORROW PG