In ¡Alambrista!, a farmworker sneaks across the border from Mexico into California in an effort to make money to send to his family back home. It is a story that happens every day, told here in an uncompromising, groundbreaking work of realism from American independent filmmaker ROBERT M. YOUNG (Dominick and Eugene). Vivid and spare where other films about illegal immigration might sentimentalize, Young's take on the subject is equal parts intimate character study and gripping road movie, a political work that never loses sight of the complex man at its center. ¡Alambrista!, winner of the Cannes Film Festival's inaugural Camera d’Or in 1978, remains one of the best films ever made on this perennially relevant topic.

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With the idiosyncratic American fable Harold and Maude, countercultural director HAL ASHBY (Being There) fashioned what would become the cult classic of its era. Working from a script by COLIN HIGGINS (9 to 5), Ashby tells the story of the emotional and romantic bond between a death-obsessed young man (The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou's BUD CORT) from a wealthy family and a devil-may-care, bohemian octogenarian (Rosemary's Baby's RUTH GORDON). Equal parts gallows humor and romantic innocence, Harold and Maude dissolves the line between darkness and light, along with the ones that separate people by class, gender, and age, and it features indelible performances and a remarkable soundtrack by CAT STEVENS.

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Icon of the American avant-garde HOLLIS FRAMPTON made rigorous, audacious, brainy, and downright thrilling films, leaving behind a body of work that remains unparalleled. In the 1960s, having started out as a poet and photographer, Frampton became fascinated with the possibilities of 16 mm filmmaking. In such radically playful, visually and sonically arresting works as *Surface Tension*, *Zorns Lemma*, *nostalgia*, *Critical Mass*, and the enormous, unfinished Magellan cycle (cut short by his death at age forty-eight), Frampton repurposes cinema itself, making it into something by turns literary, mathematical, sculptural, and simply beautiful—and always captivating. This collection of works by the essential artist—the first home video release of its kind—includes twenty-four films, dating from 1966 to 1979.

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One of the most powerful of the family portraits by YASUJIRO OZU (Tokyo Story), Late Spring tells the story of a widowed father who feels compelled to marry off his beloved only daughter. Eminent Ozu players CHISHU RYU (There Was a Father) and SETSUKO HARA (Late Autumn) command this poignant tale of love and loss in postwar Japan, which remains as potent today as ever—and as strong a justification for its maker’s inclusion in the pantheon of cinema’s greatest directors.

“Late Spring is one of the best films Ozu ever made.”
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“A remarkable, piercing film, and central to an understanding of Ozu’s work.”
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THE ORGANIZER

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In turn-of-the-twentieth-century Turin, an accident in a textile factory incites workers to stage a walkout. But it’s not until they receive unexpected aid from a traveling professor (8½’s MARCELLO MASTROIANNI) that they find a voice, unite, and stand up for themselves. This historical drama by MARIO MONICELLI (Big Deal on Madonna Street) is a beautiful and moving ode to the power of the people, brimming with humor and honesty. The Organizer (I compagni) features engaging, naturalistic performances; cinematography by the great GIUSEPPE ROTUNNO (Amarcord); and a multilayered, Oscar-nominated screenplay, by Monicelli, AGENORE INCROCCI (The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly), and FURIO SCARPELLI (Il postino).

“Engrossingly human, compassionate, and humorous.”
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NOMINEE
BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY, ACADEMY AWARDS, 1964

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Of all the cinematic New Waves that broke over the world in the 1960s, the one in Czechoslovakia was among the most fruitful, fascinating, and radical. With a wicked sense of humor and a healthy streak of surrealism, a group of fearless directors—including eventual Oscar winners Miloš Forman and Ján Kadár—began to use film to speak out about the hypocrisy and absurdity of the Communist state. A defining work was the 1966 omnibus film *Pearls of the Deep*, which introduced five of the movement’s greatest voices: Věra Chytilová, Jaromil Jireš, Jiří Menzel, Jan Němec, and Evald Schorm. This series presents that title, along with five other crucial works that followed close on its heels, one from each of those filmmakers—some dazzlingly experimental, some arrestingly realistic, all singular expressions from a remarkable time and place.
PEARLS OF THE DEEP
A manifesto of sorts for the Czech New Wave, this five-part anthology shows off the breadth of expression offered by the movement’s versatile directors. All based on stories by the legendary writer Bohumil Hrabal, the shorts range from surreally chilling to caustically observant to casually romantic, but all have a cutting, wily view of the world.
1966 · 107 MINUTES · BLACK & WHITE/COlOR · MONAurAL · IN CzECH WiTH ENgliSH SuBTITlES · 1.33:1 ASpECT rATiO

DAISIES
Perhaps the New Wave’s most anarchic entry, Věra Chytilová’s absurdist farce follows the slapstick misadventures of two brash young women, known only as Marie I and Marie II. Believing the world to be “spoiled,” they decide to spoil themselves as well, and embark on a series of disorderly, prankish escapades in which nothing—food, clothes, men, war—is sacred. Daisies is an aesthetically and politically adventurous film that’s widely considered one of the great works of feminist cinema.
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A REPORT ON THE PARTY AND GUESTS
In Jan Němec’s surreal fable, the weekend countryside frolic of an ordinary group of men and women is rudely transformed into a lesson in political hierarchy when a handful of mysterious authority figures show up and begin to control their actions. This allegory about oppression and conformity was banned in its home country but became an international success after it premiered at the New York Film Festival.
1966 · 70 MINUTES · BLACK & WHITE · MONAurAL · IN CzECH WiTH ENgliSH SuBTITlES · 1.33:1 ASpECT rATiO

RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON
Evald Schorm was one of the most outspokenly political of the movement’s filmmakers. This raw psychological drama about an engineer unable to adjust to the world around him following a suicide attempt is at heart a searing portrait of social alienation and moral compromise.
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CAPRICIOUS SUMMER
Two years after his worldwide hit Closely Watched Trains, Jiří Menzel directed this funny and reflective idyll about three middle-aged bourgeois men whose carefree summer, occupied by little more than fishing, drinking, and eating, is interrupted by the arrival of young traveling circus performers. Especially distracting is the beautiful magician’s assistant, Anna. A meditation on aging and sex, shot in warm, sun-dappled color, Capricious Summer is one of the New Wave’s loveliest reveries.
1968 · 76 MINUTES · COlOR · MONAurAL · IN CzECH WiTH ENgliSH SuBTITlES · 1.33:1 ASpECT rATiO

THE JOKE
Jaromil Jireš’s brilliantly fragmentary adaptation of Milan Kundera’s novel jumps between the past and present to tell the Kafkaesque tale of Ludvík, a scientist who, in the 1950s, was expelled from the Communist Party when the authorities intercepted a postcard from him to his girlfriend that he’d intended as a political joke. After being sent for “rehabilitation” to the mines and doing a stint in a military prison, Ludvík hatches a revenge plot against the former friend who betrayed him. Completed after the Soviet invasion that ended the Prague Spring, The Joke was banned, though it’s now acknowledged as one of the movement’s greatest works.
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