



## MEDIA ALERT

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# AFI SILVER THEATRE AND CULTURAL CENTER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11

## Open House Weekend Offers Free Events

**Silver Spring, Maryland, April 9, 2003** – The AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center will open its doors to the public on Friday, April 11. For the first time since 1985, audiences will be able to buy a ticket—from a varied menu of notable films—to see a film in the historic 1938 Silver Theatre – newly rehabilitated, and part of a state-of-the-art movie theater complex that includes two brand-new stadium-seating theatres.

Tickets are available for all full-length evening feature screenings:

- **LE CERCLE ROUGE**– The restored, uncut version of Jean-Pierre Melville’s 1970s *film noir* classic starring Yves Montand and Alain Delon. This will be the film’s first Washington, DC screening. It has been shown to sell-out audiences in New York City and Los Angeles. Start times are 6:20 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- **LAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI JUKES** – This blues documentary will be screened opening night, and re-screened Saturday, April 12. On Saturday night, a stage presentation by director Robert Mugge and live blues performance will be featured. During the day on Sunday as part of its free festivities, a live blues will be performed by the film’s Vasti Jackson and Patrice Monsell. Film at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. (Runs through 4/17.)
- **FOUR DAUGHTERS**– This film was shown at the Silver Theatre’s original opening night in 1938. Directed by Michael Curtiz, the film stars Priscilla Lane, John Garfield and Claude Rains. Oscar-nominated, Best Picture. At 6:30 p.m. on Friday only.
- **YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU**– Another classic from 1938, this tale of a screwball family, directed by Frank Capra, earned Best Picture and Best Director Oscars. At 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**WHAT/WHEN:** Ticketed screenings for the evenings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Saturday and Sunday open house at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. —free tours, shorts and live music.

**WHERE:** AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center is at 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. Located in downtown Silver Spring between Georgia Avenue and Fenton Street. AFI Silver is two blocks from the Silver Spring Metro stop and easily

accessible from the Capital Beltway (I-495), less than two miles from either the Georgia Avenue or Colesville Road exit.

**TICKETS:** Available at the AFI Silver box office. Phone is 301-495-6700 or [www.AFI.com/Silver](http://www.AFI.com/Silver) for programming information.

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