

MVAH ZOOM February Movie Club

March 16, 2021 3pm

Next movie club: April 20th at 3PM

Attendees:

Host: Barbara Brennan

Cher Terry

Betsy Stephens (in absentia)

Louise and Bob McLean

Carol and Joe Mattaino

Caryl Curry

Sherry Griffin

Movie 1. Sound of Metal Amazon Prime video

MVAH Movie Club Average rating: 4.4 out of 5.

- A heavy-metal drummer's life is thrown into freefall when he begins to lose his hearing.

Director: Darius Marder

Writers: Darius Marder (screenplay by), Abraham Marder (screenplay by)

Stars: Riz Ahmed, Olivia Cooke, Paul Raci

Sound of Metal is a 2019 American drama film directed and co-written by Darius Marder and starring Riz Ahmed, Olivia Cooke, Paul Raci, Lauren Ridloff and Mathieu Amalric. It tells the story of a hard rock drummer who loses his hearing.

The film had its world premiere in the Platform Prize program at the 2019 Toronto International Film Festival on September 6, 2019. It was released theatrically on November 20, 2020, and began streaming on Prime Video on December 4, 2020, by Amazon Studios. The film received critical acclaim, with praise for the performances of Ahmed and Raci, as well as the sound design. It was named one of the ten best films of 2020 by the American Film Institute [2] and by the National Board of Review, with Ahmed and Raci winning Best Actor and Best Supporting Actor, respectively.[3]

Movie 2. My Octopus Teacher. Netflix.

MVAH Movie Club Average rating: 3.9 out of 5.

Netflix's latest documentary My Octopus Teacher has got everyone talking. The film tells the moving story of a man named Craig Foster, who formed a unique friendship with an octopus

who first became his subject the teacher, showing him things, no human had ever witnessed before Oct 13, 2020.

Synopsis

The film shows how, in 2010, Foster began free-diving in a cold underwater kelp forest at a remote location in False Bay, near Cape Town, South Africa.[2][3] The location was near Simon's Town on the Cape Peninsula,[4] which is exposed to the cold Benguela current of the Atlantic Ocean.[5] He started to document his experiences and, in time, met a curious young octopus that captured his attention. He decided to keep visiting her den and tracking her movements every day for a year to win the animal's trust. The two form a bond where she plays with Foster and allows him into her world to see how she sleeps, lives, and eats. In the film, Foster describes the impact on his life of his relationship with the octopus.

The film shows Craig's growing intimate relationship with the octopus as he follows her around for nearly a year. It shows the octopus defending herself against pajama sharks. In one attack, the octopus loses an arm, and retreats to her den to recover, slowly regenerating the arm over three months. In a later attack of a shark, she shows an incredibly improved creativity to survive, including sticking on the sharks back. Later, after mating with a bigger octopus and producing a large number of eggs, the octopus dies naturally while tending for her eggs and a shark takes her body away.

Foster describes the effect of this mentorship that the octopus provided him with as teaching him a lesson on the fragility of life and humanity's connection with nature.[6] This translated to Foster creating a deeper bond with his son as his son develops as a diver and marine life student.

April Movie Selections

1. **Loving.** Netflix

Loving – on Netflix, is a 2016 American biographical romantic drama film which tells the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, the plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court (the Warren Court) decision *Loving v. Virginia*, which invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage.

Produced by: Ged Doherty; Colin Firth; Nancy ...

Budget: \$9 million

Production companies: Big Beach; Raindog Fil...

Countries: United Kingdom; United States

2. **The Professor and the Madman** – Amazon Prime Video

The movie, *The Professor and the Madman* is based on a 1998 book by Simon Winchester. The first edition was called *The Surgeon of Crowthorne: A Tale of Murder, Madness, and the Love of Words*. ... And to further the fact that it's based on a true story, the book is categorized as a biography. Stars Shaun Penn and Mel Gibson

Based on the 1998 book 'The Surgeon of Crowthorne' by Simon Winchester, the life of Professor James Murray is portrayed as he begins work on compiling words for the first edition of the Oxford English Dictionary in the mid-19th century. As he led the overseeing committee, the professor received over 10,000 entries from one source in particular - a patient at Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Dr William Minor.