

EVENTS

Stephen King helps adapt his work ‘11.22.63.’ for the screen

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There have been plenty of beloved adaptations of Stephen King’s writing. “The Shining,” “Stand By Me,” “Shawshank Redemption,” “Misery” and “Carrie” are just a few of the acclaimed movies based on his books and stories. These titles have something else in common too. King had nothing to do with their transition from page to screen.

When you look at the movies he did have a hand in, things look a bit different. He directed the much-derided “Maximum Overdrive” and produced the short-lived series “Kingdom Hospital.” He personally wrote the screenplays for “Pet Sematary” and “Silver Bullet.”

If King’s name is attached to an adaption, it’s usually the kiss of death. That may be changing with the James Franco-led limited series “11.22.63.” King executive-produced the show, which airs on Hulu in February. Based on a preview of the first two episodes, which premiered at Sundance, the show seems to blend the unexpected twists, cinematic quality and breathless action that make today’s television impossibly addictive. It also doesn’t hurt that the story revolves around one of history’s most rehashed mysteries: the assassination of John F. Kennedy. In truth, King may not care whether the show is a success. He famously disliked Stanley Kubrick’s take on “The Shin-



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ing,” but he insists that it doesn’t get to him. In 2014, he told Rolling Stone, “The movies have never been a big deal to me. The movies are the

movies. They just make them. If they’re good, that’s terrific. If they’re not, they’re not. But I see them as a lesser medium than fiction, than litera-

ture, and a more ephemeral medium.” Whether he cares or not, the show has a good chance at finding an audience. Franco stars as Jake, a modern-day English teacher who stumbles upon a time-travel portal capable of transporting him to 1960. Jake’s friend Al (Chris Cooper) first discovered the portal and was secretly obsessed for years with traveling back in time to stop Kennedy’s assassination. He was certain the world would be a better place had Kennedy survived. But given his recent cancer diagnosis, Al urges Jake to finish the job. What follows is a historical sci-fi adventure featuring creepy characters who show up to warn Jake, “You don’t belong here” — along with deadly gang-

sters, Russian spies, CIA operatives and a lot of great mid-century design. Casting Franco as the lead is a little risky. He has only a slightly better track record than King, given that, for every “127 Hours,” he seems to have a handful of overwrought Faulkner adaptations. And people have very strong feelings about the one-time Oscar co-host. But the story and action here is solid enough to allow Franco detractors to overlook the actor at the center of the series. And the show gets a big boost from some other talent: Oscar winner Kevin Macdonald directed the first two episodes; Bridget Carpenter, the writer-producer of “Friday Night Lights,” served as showrunner; and J.J. Abrams was a producer.

Things to Do

BANGOR — “The Winter Landscape,” pastel and oil works by Barbara Adams, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. through March 3, The Sohns Gallery, in The Rock & Art Shop, 36 Central St. 947-2205 or therockandartshop@gmail.com.

BLUE HILL — “The Art of the Book” exhibit, library hours through March, Howard Room glass cases, Blue Hill Public Library, 5 Parker Point Road. 374-5515.

BREWER — Brewer Community Service Council hosting community lunch, noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, First United Methodist Church of Brewer. Free and open to all.

BREWER — Relay For Life of Penobscot second annual cocktail party fundraiser, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Jeff’s Catering, 15 Littlefield Way. Silent auction, h’ors d’oeuvres, DJ ZLite, Photobooths of Maine, cash bar. Benefits American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life. \$20. Tickets at Fork and Spoon, Nash’s Health, Fitness and Wellness, Frank Webb’s Lighting and Bath Center, Generations Boutique and Art Studio in Brewer, at the door or relaynightof-hope@gmail.com.

BREWER — Bluegrass Jam, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Between Friends Art Center-Next Generation Theatre, 39 Center St. Pick or listen. \$3. 989-7100, nextgenerationtheadvertising@gmail.com or nextgenerationtheatre.com.

BREWER — Schedule a 15-minute Dog Ears appointment to read to canine tutors Copper or Belle, 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Brewer Public Library, 100 South Main St. 989-7943.

BREWER — Work on knitting group’s community service project in partnership with Brewer Police Department or bring yarn projects of any sort, 9:30-11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Brewer Public Library, 100 South Main St. Experienced or new knitters, crocheters or needle-workers welcome. 989-7943.

BREWER — Beginner’s yoga program, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Brewer Public Library, 100 South Main St. Free and open to all. Space is limited. 989-7943.

CAMDEN — Read and chat in Spanish, a Spanish-language reading and conversation group, 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, Camden Public Library, 55 Main St. Lynne Taylor at leerycharlar@gmail.com.

CAMDEN — Camden Garden Club Winter Horticulture Series, 10 a.m. Tuesdays, through Feb. 23, Picker Room, Camden

Public Library, 55 Main St. Arborist Bob Cochran, Jan. 26. Free and open to all. 236-3440.

CAMDEN — Pysanky Eggs Workshop conducted by Jim and Chris Sady, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, Camden Public Library, 55 Main St. Register. Materials fee, \$10. 236-3440.

DAMARISCOTTA — Introduction to rug hooking workshop, 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19, Spectrum Generations Coastal Community Center, 521 Main St. \$95, includes small kit and supplies needed to make chair pad. Bring sharp pair of scissors. Advance registration required by Thursday, Jan. 28. 563-1363.

ELLSWORTH — High-definition simulcast of Puccini’s “Turandot,” 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, The Grand. Reserve tickets only. \$27, \$25 Grand members, \$20 for students 15 and under. Box office, 667-9500, grandonline.org or Facebook.

ELLSWORTH — 2016 Banff Mountain Film Festival, Friday through Sunday, Jan. 29-31, The Grand. Culture collection, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29; Extreme Sports section, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30; Best of Festival program, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. General admission tickets, \$15. Box office, 667-9500, grandonline.org or Facebook.

ELLSWORTH — Live, high-definition presentation of National Theatre of London production of “Les Liaisons Dangereuses,” 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, The Grand. General admission tickets \$17, \$16 seniors, \$15 Grand members, \$13 students, \$10 age 12 and under. Box office, 667-9500, grandonline.org or Facebook.

ELLSWORTH — Ellsworth Chess Club, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Ellsworth Public Library. 667-6363.

ELLSWORTH — Tuesday Readers book discussion group, 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Riverview Room, Ellsworth Public Library. 667-6363.

ELLSWORTH — Knit, crochet or spin, 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays, third floor Knitting Nook, Ellsworth Public Library. 667-6363.

FARMINGTON — “Sing ‘til Spring!” family concert and singalong with singer-songwriters and guitarists Martin Swinger and Matt Loosigian, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, Emery Arts Center, University of Maine at Farmington. \$10; free to age 18 and under and students with ID. 778-3722.

MILLINOCKET — Birthday of Scottish Bard Robert Burns celebrated with music and poetry, 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 40 Highland Ave.

Musicians Wally Paul and Don Pudney will perform. Donations accepted; refreshments available. Benefits Friends of Millinocket Memorial Library. 723-4146 or bbarr@myfairpoint.net.

MOUNT DESERT — Pemetic School PTO second annual adults only Blizzard Bash, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Camp Beech Cliff, 264 Beech Hill Road. Silent auction, raffles, appetizers, cash bar, dancing and live music. Tickets, \$10, available at the door, Pemetic School, McKay’s restaurant and Carroll Drug Store.

OLD TOWN — Friends of Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge and nature-based education Deanna Fahey hosting Sunkhaze Cafe, 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Old Town Public Library, 46 Middle St. Topic: Nature Fun and Learning. Informal and informative discussion series geared toward adults and students. Free and open to all. Donations accepted.

ORONO — University of Maine School of Performing Arts third annual fundraiser pops concert, Astonishing! The Songs and Stories of Broadway’s Best, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Collins Center for the Arts. Reception, 6 p.m., Hudson Museum. \$25. \$12 with MaineCard. Snow date, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. 581-1755.

PORTLAND — Maine Boys to Men presenting free screening of “The Mask You Live In,” 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, Portland Public Library, 6 Monument Way. Recommended for age 17 and up. To attend, register at maineboystomen.org or katherineb2m@maine.rr.com.

PORTLAND — Spirits Alive at Eastern Cemetery 2016 Winter Lecture Series: Emerson “Tad” Baker, author of “A Storm of Witchcraft and the American Experience,” discussing connections between Salem witch trials and Maine frontier, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Wishcamper Center, Bedford Street, University of Southern Maine. spiritsalive.org.

ROCKLAND — 12th annual Pies on Parade Pie Tour, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at historic inns and other businesses. Benefits Area Interfaith Outreach Food Pantry and Fuel Assistance Program. Advance tickets \$30, \$15 age 10 and under. 596-6611.

ROCKLAND — Silent auction, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Trackside Restaurant, benefits area food pantry programs.

SOUTH PORTLAND — Mad Horse Theatre Company production of “Trevor,” 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 28-30; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 24 Mosher

Road. Thursdays are pay-what-you-can performances. \$20; \$17 students and seniors. madhorse.com.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — “The Search for the White Rose,” 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, Southwest Harbor Public Library. Reservations required. Discussion will follow. Reservations, 244-7065.

STEUBEN — “Mary Poppins,” 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, Henry D. Moore Library and Community Center. Free and open to all ages. Refreshments available by donation. moorelibrary.org.

UNION — RuthAnn MacKinnon talking about “The Beauty and Meaning of African Masks,” 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, Vose Library, 392 Common Road. Camden Conference Community Partner event. Free and open to all. 785-4733.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Concert, talent show to benefit nonprofit

PITTSFIELD — A concert and talent show will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Pittsfield Community Theatre, 137 Main St. Tickets for the show are \$7, \$5 students. Proceeds will benefit Nolan’s H.E.R.O. Foundation. The event will feature performances by Riff Johnson, NB13, LoveNeverDies, RockTheOrange and The Resistance. The talent show is for students only with prizes of \$313 for first place, \$213 for second place, \$113 for third place. Email Ray@Nolan-sHEROFoundation.org to register for the talent show. Registrations must be submitted by Monday, Feb. 1.

Chocolate festival seeks volunteer chefs

GREENVILLE — The Chocolate Festival Committee of the Moosehead Lake Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to become “chocolate chefs” during its 12th annual Moose-

head Lake Chocolate Festival 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Masonic Temple, 480 Moosehead Lake Road. Volunteers may include businesses, bakeries and community members who make cookies, fudge or whoopie pies. Bakers will be asked to supply 100 bite-sized pieces or servings of their chocolate specialty. Chocolate treats should be prepared and delivered to the festival by Saturday, Feb. 13. Proceeds from the festival go toward the Moosehead Lake Chamber of Commerce marketing budget. For information or to sign up as a baker, call Skye at the Chamber office at 695-2702 or Committee Chairwoman Cheryl Bouley at 280-0638.

Casseroles on the menu at bean supper

ORRINGTON — A baked bean and casserole supper will take place 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the East Orrington Congregational Church, 38 Johnson Mill Road. The cost is \$7, \$3 children.

				MOVIES						
		7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2	NBC 207	Inside Ed.	Hollywood Game Night	Chicago Med (N) (HD)	Chicago Fire (N) (HD)	News			
	4	CBC Rick Mercer	22 Minutes	Creek Mr. D (N)	The National (N)	CBC Coronation	Rick Mercer			
	5	CBS Big Bang	Broke Girl	NCIS (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Limitless (HD)	News			
	52	CW Family Guy	The Flash (N) (HD)	DC's Legends		News Seinfeld	Cougar			
	6	NBC 207	Inside Ed.	Hollywood Game Night	Chicago Med (N) (HD)	Chicago Fire (N) (HD)	News			
	7	ABC Wheel	Jeopardy!	Gov. LePage Town Hall	Marvel's Agent Carter	What Would You Do? (N)	News			
	WAGM	FOX The Insider	Ent. Tonight	New Girl	Grand Brooklyn The Grinder	News Big Bang	Big Bang			
	8	ABC Wheel	Jeopardy!	Fresh-Boat	Muppets	Marvel's Agent Carter	What Would You Do? (N)	News		
	MPBN	PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Finding Your Roots (N)	American Experience	Revolt in West Virginia. (N)	C. Rose				
	9	IND CSI: Cyber (HD)	The Flash (N) (HD)	Marvel's Agent Carter	News-Lisa	CTV News	Daily Show			
KIDS	13	CBS Ent. Tonight	The Insider	NCIS (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans	Limitless (HD)	News			
	22	FOX Mod Fam	Mod Fam	New Girl	Grand Brooklyn The Grinder	FOX 22 News at 10 (N)	Walk:Dead			
	9	IND M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne Hogan Hero	C. Burnett			
	33	IND Big Bang	Big Bang	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld			
LEARN	NICK	Make It Pop	Thunder	Henry Nicky, Ricky	Full House	Full House	Friends			
	DISN	Austin Mako	** Bedtime Stories (2008)	(PG)	Liv-Mad.	Best Fr.	K.C. Under.	Girl Meets		
	FAM	Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars	Shadowhunters (N)	Best Little Liars	700 Club				
	HIST	Digging Deeper	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	Oak Island: Drilling Down	Oak Island				
SPORTS	DISC	Moonshiners	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts	Moonshiners (N)	:01 Killing Fields (N)	Moonshine				
	TLC	Kate Plus 8	The Little Couple	The Little Couple (N)	Kate Plus 8 (N)	Couple				
	A&E	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	:01 Fit to Fat to Fit (N)	Fit to Fat				
	ANPL	Polar Bear: Spy	Panda Republic (N)	River Monsters	Panda Rep					
NEWS	CSNE	Patriots Quick	Celtics	Ski Journal	Patriots Quick	Sports	SportsNet	Sports		
	ESPN	College Basketball Indiana at Wisconsin. (N) (L)	College Basketball Georgia at LSU. (N) (L)	College Basketball Texas Tech at Oklahoma. (N)	2016 Australian Open Tennis	Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. (N)	SportCtr			
	ESPN2	College Basketball	NHL Live (N) NHL Hockey	Chicago Blackhawks at Carolina Hurricanes. (L)	NHL Hockey: Avalanche at Sharks	Sports	Sports	Sports		
	NBCSP	NHL Hockey	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Profit (N)	The Profit				
VARIETY	CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report (N)	CNN Tonight	Cooper 360				
	FNC	Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (N)	The Kelly File (N)	Hannity (N)	O'Reilly				
	MSNBC	Hardball Chris Matthews	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	All In With				
	AMC	(5:00) Enemy of the State	*** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) (ESP)	Bruce Willis. (PG-13)	Rambo III (R)					
PREMIUM	BRV	Real Housewives/Beverly	Real Housewives/Beverly	Real Housewives/Beverly	Girlfriends' Guide-Divorce	Happens				
	CMT	Last Man Last Man	*** Stand by Me (1986, Comedy-Drama)	Wil Wheaton. (R)						
	COM	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily Show				
	E!	E! News (N)	Total Divas (N)	Total Divas (N)	Just Jillian (N)	E! News				
SHOW	FOOD	Chopped	Chopped Junior	Chopped	Chopped (N)	Chopped				
	FX	Star Trek Into Darkness	** Riddick (2013, Science Fiction) Vin Diesel, Karl Urban. (R)	** Riddick (2013) (R)						
	GAC	Log Cabin Log Cabin	Log Cabin Log Cabin	Log Cabin Log Cabin	Big Sky	Big Sky	Big Sky			
	HALL	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls			
STARZ	HGTV	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper (N)	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Fixer Upper			
	LIFE	Dance Moms	Dance Moms (N)	Dance Moms (N)	:02 Pitch Slapped (N)	Rap Game				
	MTV	(6:30) Teen Mom	Teen Wolf	Teen Wolf (N)	The Shannara Chronicles	Ridiculous.				
	OXY	Prancing Elites	Prancing Elites	Prancing Elites	** Big Momma's Christmas (2000)					
ENC	SPIKE	(5:30) Ender's Game	** Iron Man 2 (2010, Action)	Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. (PG-13)	Prince					
	SYFY	(4:30) Jaws	*** Twister (1996, Action)	Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. (PG-13)	The Expanse (N)	12 Monkeys				
	TBN	Supernat.	Potters Trinity	J. Meyer Prince	Cornelius	TBN Highlights 2015				
	TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)		
HBO	TCM	The Young Philadelphians	*** The Unsinkable Molly Brown (1964) (NR)		:15) A Woman Under the Influence (R)					
	TMC	(6:00) Cleanskin (2012)	** Camp X-Ray (2014) (ESP)	Kristen Stewart. (R)	** Harsh Times (2005) (ESP)	(R)				
	TNT	Castle	Castle	Castle	Castle	Castle				
	TRAVEL	Bizarre Foods America	Bizarre Foods America	Delicious Destinations	Booze Traveler (N)	Bizarre				
MAX	TRU	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Genius	10 Things	Genius			
	TVL	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King			
	USA	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam			
	VH1	Love & Hip Hop	Love & Hip Hop	Hit the Floor	Stevie J	K. Michelle	Mod Wives			
STARZ	WGN-A	(6:00) ** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997)	Outsiders (N)	Outsiders	Outsiders	Outsiders				
	ENC	(6:15) ** The Wedding Ringer (2015) Kevin Hart.	*** The Brady Bunch Movie (1995, Comedy) (ESP)	Shelley Long. (PG-13)	** A Very Brady Sequel (1996, Comedy) (ESP)	Honeymoon in Vegas				
	HBO	The Next Best Thing	Real Time With Bill Maher	** Unfriended (2014, Horror) (ESP)	Shelley Hennig, Moses Storm. (R)	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel (N) (ESP)	** Feast of Love (R)			
	MAX	(6:45) ** Saving Silverman (2001, Comedy) (ESP)	Jason Biggs. (PG-13)	:20) * Walk of Shame (2014, Comedy) (ESP)	Elizabeth Banks, Gillian Jacobs. (R)	* Tammy (2014, Comedy) (ESP)	Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon. (R)			
SHOW	SHOW	(6:15) *** The Seven Fives (2014) (ESP)	Billions	Chuck's probe is derailed temporarily.	Inside the NFL (N)	Shameless	Debbie learns how to work the system.	Inside the		
	STARZ	(4:10) Schindler's List (R)	(4:45) ** The Equalizer (2014, Action)	(ESP) Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas. A former commando champions the helpless.		Black Sails	Eleanor is offered clemency. (ESP)	:05) Cinderella Man		