

EVENTS

Is calling a movie ‘faith-based’ too limiting?

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LOS ANGELES — A recent stream of movies with religious elements — “Risen,” “The Young Messiah,” “Miracles From Heaven” and the upcoming “God Is Not Dead 2” — have been hitting theaters. There was a time when any movie that touched on religion would be lumped under the “faith-based” category.

Those working on such projects now see the tag as limiting.

Although “Risen” deals with the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, the main thrust is a crime story procedural. Those behind the movie see that as a way of bringing in believers and nonbelievers.

“Obviously, we want the

faith community to feel that they’re represented in the right way. But if you’re not a believer, all the action and great dramatic moments offer so many reasons to be entertained by ‘Risen,’” Mickey Liddell, executive producer of “Risen,” said in a news release about the movie.

Despite its deeply religious roots, Joseph Fiennes, who plays the Roman Tribune who investigates the disappearance of Christ’s body from the tomb in “Risen,” doesn’t see his film as being primarily faith-based. He sees it as having a broader message.

“Redemption is a big theme, whether you are religious or not,” Fiennes said. “The big takeaway is how

we are looking at these events through the eyes of a nonbeliever.

“The conservatists will say, ‘Don’t see it because it flies in the face of Scripture.’ Then you get the other side who say it’s preachy. What I’m really happy about is that we have reached a balance where he can get everyone in the room — faith-based, cinefiles — to enjoy a wonderful film. If you know your Scripture, you won’t be disappointed,” he said.

Bishop Thomas Dexter “T.D.” Jakes Sr. sees both sides of the faith-based discussion because not only is he the pastor of The Potter’s House, a nondenominational American church with 30,000 members, but he also is in the film business. He’s one of the producers of “Miracles from Heaven.”

Use of the phrase faith-based for Jakes depends on the movie.

“One type is a faith-based movie done by faith-based people for faith-based people, and one that’s done for the general market,” Jakes said. “If you define faith-based films as being this Pollyanna, Sunday school-type story, then ‘Miracles’ is not that. It is a gritty, real look at a human being struggling to get their child well against all odds.

“My only concern is that when we categorize this film as faith-based, it will limit the audience this film deserves,” he said.

He puts “Miracles from Heaven” in the latter category because while the movie touches on religious elements, it is aimed at a broader audience because it deals

with a lot of other elements, especially family. Most of the movie focuses on the fight by a Texas family to deal with their daughter’s incurable disease and her miraculous recovery.

Jennifer Garner, who plays the mother in “Miracles from Heaven,” had numerous conversations with the producers, writers and director about the religious elements in the movie.

“It’s one thing to play a family for whom religion is their backbone. That is something I can definitely relate to,” Garner said. “It’s another thing to be making a movie where you are preaching and saying to people this is what you need to do. This is what you need to believe.

“We were so careful and, hopefully, it comes across

that we are not telling people what to do. We are trying to portray a family in their moment of crisis and how faith helped them,” she said.

Some movie releases come much closer to the faith-based tag.

“The Messiah” is aimed more at those who want faith-based movies because it looks at the early years of Jesus, a story based on a limited number of Scriptures.

Then there is “God Is Not Dead 2,” where religion is the driving force, even to the point of where it will be argued in a court case.

When it comes down to it, whether the movies are described as faith-based depends largely on how much the filmmakers are looking to preach outside the chorus.

Things to Do

ALNA — Wiscasset Water-ville & Farmington Rail-way Museum steam train rides and Easter egg hunts, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, Alna Center, 97 Cross Road. Train tickets \$5, free to children under age 3. 882-4193 or www.fry.org.

AUGUSTA — Free Maine Brain Injury Resource Fair by Brain Injury Asso-ciation of America’s Maine Chapter, 1-4 p.m. Thursday, March 24, Le Club Calumet, 334 West River Road. Exhibitors to include brain injury pro-grams, providers, advoca-cy and legal organiza-tions, support groups, veterans’ organizations, recreational opportuni-ties, Maine Brain Injury Waiver and more. www.biausa.org/maine.

AUGUSTA — Model Rail-road show by Maine 3Railers, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, Augusta Elks Lodge, 397 Civic Center Drive/Route 27, just off Exit 112B on I-95. Sam at secarr1@comcast.net, 205-2742, or maine3railers.org.

BANGOR — Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Amy Ellis Nutt of The Wash-ington Post, “Being Nicole,” 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 24, Bangor Public Library.

BANGOR — Artwalk, 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 25, downtown Bangor. Tour artists’ studios. Free. info@dbac.org.

BANGOR — Kidabaloo with Disney Channel celebrity Farkle, played by Corey Fogelmanis from the hit television show “Girl Meets World,”

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. Saturday, March 26, Cross Insurance Center. Live performanc-es by Rick Charette, Playland Adventures bounce houses, face painting, costumed char-acters, kids karaoke, Easter activities includ-ing the Easter Bunny, games, prizes and more. z1073.com/events-ban-gor/playland-adventures-kidabaloo-2016/26-march-2016-cross-insurance-center-10/.

BANGOR — “The Last Five Years,” written and composed by Jason Robert Brown, starring Dominick Varney and Brianne Beck, 7 p.m. through March 27, Penobscot Theatre, Ban-gor Opera House, 131 Main St. Showtimes vary. 942-3333 or penobscottheatre.org.

BANGOR — Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Kath-leen Kingsbury of the Boston Globe, “Service Not Included,” 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, Bangor Public Library.

BANGOR — Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jim Sheeler of Case Western Reserve University, “Final Salute,” 3 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, Bangor Public Library.

BAR HARBOR — Award-winning nature photog-rapher George Sanker discussing his work and showing his photos, 7 p.m. Friday, March 25, Jesup Memorial Library. 288-4245 or kchagnon@jesuplibrary.org.

BLUE HILL — Rainbow Warriors writing group for ages 12 to 18, 4-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Blue Hill Public Library. Open to

artists, gamers, readers, movie enthusiasts, bak-ers, crafters, social jus-tice warriors and more. Discussion, writing prompts, games. Libby, 374-5515.

BLUE HILL — Former edu-cation professors Berna-dette and Vivodh Anand of Milbridge lead series of discussions of Ta-Nehisi Coates’ book “Between the World and Me,” 6:30-8:15 p.m. Mondays, March 28, Blue Hill Public Library. 374-5515.

CARMEL — Carmel Cats Club, fifth annual vendor and craft fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 26, Carmel Elementary School, 50 Plymouth Road. 852-4965 or jmaeraymond@roadrun-ner.com.

EASTPORT — Knights of Pythias Anchor Lodge 41, 6:30-7 p.m. Friday, March 25, Eastport Youth Center, Barren Road. 904-7663 or anchorlodgeno41@yahoo.com.

LINCOLN — Save-A-Life Task Force free talk on “Understanding Sub-stance Abuse and its Impact on Maine,” given by Marjorie Withers, co-director of Community Caring Collaborative in Machias, 6-8 p.m. Tues-day, March 29, Gillmor’s Restaurant. S-A-L@river-coalition.org.

LINCOLN — Free monthly public spaghetti supper, 5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, Lincoln Center Baptist Church, 51 Flem-ing St. Homemade spa-ghetti sauce with meat-balls, garlic bread and homemade desserts.

OLD TOWN — Free com-munity supper, 6 p.m.

Friday, March 25, St. James’ Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Center streets. Free and open to all.

ORONO — Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Amy Ellis Nutt of The Wash-ington Post, “Being Nicole,” 3 p.m. Thurs-day, March 24, Wells Conference Center, Uni-versity of Maine.

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PALERMO — Semi-annual soup and pie social fun-draiser, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 26, Pal-ermo Community Library, 2789 Route 3. \$2.50 for bowl of home-

made soup, \$2.50 for slice of pie, free to chil-dren age 5 and under. Raffles also conducted. 993-6088 or palermo@palermo.lib.me.us or pal-ermo.lib.me.us.

PORTLAND — Spirits Alive at Eastern Cemetery Winter Lecture Series: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, Wishcamper Center, Bedford Street, University of Southern Maine. Stephen C. O’Neill, associate direc-tor and curator of collec-tions at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and adjunct faculty in the his-tory department at Suf-folk University, discuss-ing burial places, cus-toms and practices of Plymouth Colony’s Pil-grims. Free. spiritsalive.org.

ROCKLAND — 11th annu-al Trekpalooza Battle of the Bands, 7 p.m. Friday, March 25, Strand The-atre. Doors open 6:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Chemi-cal-free event for all ages. Benefits Trekkers. 594-5095 or trekkers.org.

THOMASTON — Friends of the Weskeag hosting Hammon Buck of Plants Unlimited discussing “Native Plants for Water-shed Gardens,” 7 p.m. Thursday, March 31, South Thomaston His-torical Society Building, corner of Route 73 and Dublin Road. Free and open to all. Vivian New-man, 691-2120 or newviv@rtdrunner.com.

UNION — Among Friends acoustic music concert, 7 p.m. Friday, March 25, Vose Library, 392 Com-mon Road. Admission by suggested donation of \$5. 785-4733.

WINTER HARBOR — Community welcome reception for new Acadia National Park Superin-tendent Kevin Schneider, 5-6:30 p.m. Monday, March 28, Rockefeller Hall Welcome Center, 9 Atterbury Circle, Schoodic Institute cam-pus. Free and open to all. 288-1310 or info@schoodicinstitute.org.

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

First downtown art walk of 2016 in Bangor set for Friday

BY SHELBY HARTIN  
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A cup of tea and a stout teapot, each adorned with a single purple flower, cozy up to a pot filled with bright blossoms that sing of spring. Needlework in progress nestled among a pile of white linens and a pair of glasses hide in the corner, awaiting their owner’s return.

This still life, painted by Bangor artist Lois Gopin, is the first of its kind to be featured on a poster for the upcoming art walk in downtown Bangor. The Downtown Bangor Arts Collaborative’s art walk will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 25, kicking off the first of four art walks scheduled for 2016.

Gopin, a new addition to the art walk, will be the featured artist for this art walk.

“She’s a new artist who contacted us about being a part of the art walk,” Shane McCarthy, chair of the organization, said. “She does not have a studio in down-town. We’ve shown or fea-

tured different artists who have studios downtown, but it’s also nice to show an artist from the Bangor community who does not have a studio downtown.”

The art walk takes place four Fridays this year: March 25, June 3, Sept. 16 and Nov. 18. It’s the hope of the Downtown Bangor Arts Collaborative that the events will become more frequent in the future.

“We want these art walks four times a year to get so popular that we can do them six times a year, eight times a year and eventual-ly every month — that’s the goal,” McCarthy said.

The art walk originally was conceived to give exposure to local artists, espe-cially those who have less accessible studios on upper floors in downtown Ban-gor. Over time the event has grown and changed, in-corporating more of Ban-gor’s artistic community, such as Divisi, a local cho-ral group that previously performed during the event, and a group called the Tango Bombers, who danced at various loca-tions.

Community murals also have become an integral part of the art walk. Al-though there won’t be one for the first art walk this year, participants can ex-pect to see it in the future.

“Our goal has always been to grow this into a community art event where artists work togeth-er to present their work and the community benef-its by being exposed to that,” McCarthy said. “The Downtown Bangor Arts Collaborative is just that: It’s a downtown Bangor arts collaborative. We are trying to collaborate art-ists and art entities for the benefit of artists in the community.”

He hopes these art walks achieve such prominence as those in other Maine destinations, such as Port-land and Belfast.

“Our community is a vi-brant as any, but it’s not as well known,” McCarthy said.

For more information, visit http://dbac.org or the Downtown Bangor Arts Collaborative Facebook page.

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