

# **FILM SERIES**

## **WATER, RATED PG-13**

Directed by Deepa Mehta, 2005

Presented by Dr. Andrew Colvin SRU

A 1938 tale of tradition and change: Young widow Chuyia is cast into a harsh widows' ashram by the Ganges. Its leader exploits Kalyani, a beautiful widow, to fund their survival. Narayan, a Gandhi follower, loves Kalyani—can she defy tradition to be with him? Shakuntala, the ashram's conflicted moral core, wrestles with faith and fate. Can she protect them? Amid monsoon waters, will rebirth prevail, or does tradition drown all?

## LAAPATAA LADIES, RATED PG-13

Directed by Kiran Rao, 2024

Presented by Dr. Sunita Peacock SRU

Due to a twist in events, two newly wedded brides inadvertently get exchanged. Both women go through a rollercoaster of comical misadventures because of this.

## SILENCE, RATED R

#### Directed by Martin Scorsese, 2016

Presented by Dr. Junko Yamamoto SRU

In 1633, Portuguese priests Sebastião Rodrigues and Francisco Garupe travel to Japan to investigate the mysterious silence of their mentor, Father Ferreira, amid brutal anti-Christian purges. As they witness the persecution of Japanese Christians, Rodrigues faces a harrowing choice—renounce his faith or condemn others to suffering.

## LAGAAN, RATED PG

#### Directed by Ashutosh Gowariker, 2001

Presented by Dr. Ken Harris SRU Emeritus

This is a story of Indian resilience under British rule. When the oppressive Lagaan tax is doubled, Bhuvan leads his fellow villagers in a bold challenge—defeating the British in a game of cricket they've never played before.

### THE JOY LUCK CLUB, RATED R

Directed by Wayne Wang, 1993

Presented by Dr. Jialing Wang SRU

Through a series of flashbacks, four young Chinese women born in America and their respective mothers born in feudal China, explore their past. This search will help them understand their difficult mother/daughter relationship.

Call for Reservations. Seating is limited.

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