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## Howard Hawks'

**"Ball of Fire"**

Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Thursday | 7:30 p.m. | \$11

Barbara Stanwyck and Gary Cooper headline this 1941 comedy masterpiece.

## Jean-Luc Godard's

**"Weekend"**

Cinefamily at Silent Movie Theatre, Los Angeles

Thursdays-Wednesdays

various times | \$10

A new print of the French auteur's 1967 satire.

## J.J. Abrams'

**"Super 8"**

Aero Theatre, Santa Monica

Saturday | 7:30 p.m. | \$11

Abrams will appear in person at screening of his 2011 hit.

## Laurence Olivier's

**"The Prince and the Showgirl"**

Egyptian Theatre, Hollywood

Sunday | 7:30 p.m. | \$11

The 1957 film with Marilyn Monroe and Olivier depicted in "My Week With Marilyn."

## John Ford's

**"Up the River"**

Billy Wilder Theater, Westwood

Spencer Tracy and Humphrey Bogart headline this 1950 picture.

## Alex Cox's

**"Sid and Nancy"**

ArcLight, Hollywood

Monday | 6:30 p.m. | free

The Gary Oldman retrospective kicks off with this 1986 biopic.

## CRITIC'S PICK



HABIB MADJIDI/Sony Pictures Classics  
**KIMIA HOSSEINI**, left, is Somayeh and Sareh Bayat in Razieh in the Iranian film set in Tehran.

## A revealing drama in 'A Separation'

Don't wait too long to see this exceptional film from Iran. If you care enough about foreign-language films to have heard about this particular gem, don't hold back until all your friends have told you how good it is and put a crimp in your pleasure. See it now and relish a thrilling domestic drama that offers acute insights into human motivations and behavior as well as a glimpse behind the curtain separating us from daily life in Tehran. Imagine Alfred Hitchcock's intricate attention to plot joined to the devastating emotional impact of Ingmar Bergman: The result is exhilarating enough to be the first foreign-language film ever to be named best screenplay by the L.A. Film Critics. Go to Laemmle's Royal in West Los Angeles and see exactly why.

—KENNETH TURAN

## 24 FRAMES

## Seven story lines to watch for in 2012

Last year was full of unexpected turns, from the Hall-of-famed remarks of Lars von Trier to "Bridesmaids" sweeping the nation. The year ahead promises more juicy story lines. Here are seven to watch.

**"Dark Knight" rising:** Christopher Nolan's final film in his Batman trilogy hits theaters July 20.



ROBERT GAUTHIER/L.A. TIMES

**DIRECTOR** Christopher Nolan returns with "The Dark Knight Rises."

Aliens, spaceships and big effects will be in the offing when the Peter Berg movie comes out May 18. So will a reported \$200-million budget, as the Hollywood and its toy- and game-obsession gets a key test.

**"Hunger" pangs:** "The Twilight Saga" will come to an end in 2012, but another popular young-adult series, "The Hunger Games," comes to the big screen March 23, with Jennifer Lawrence inhabiting Suzanne Collins' Katniss Everdeen. Fans will be watching the Gary Ross film carefully. So will Lionsgate, which is eager to fill the void Summit's "Twilight" is leaving behind.

**Christmas cheer:** Dec. 25 is already looking like an auspicious date, particularly for those interested in U.S. period tales: It marks the release of Quentin Tarantino's slave story "Django Unchained" and Baz Luhrmann's 3-D reinterpretation of "The Great Gatsby."

—STEVEN ZEITCHIK

**"Prometheus" fire:** An "Alien" prequel, or no? Either way, Ridley Scott's futuristic film, due June 8, about extraterrestrials seeking life on Earth, is one of his most anticipated in years.

**"Hobbit" habit:** The backstory to Peter Jackson's two "Hobbit" films may be more compelling than many actual movie story lines, what with all sorts of financing drama and Jackson stepping in to direct after Guillermo del Toro spent years developing it. We get the first of Jackson's new pair of Tolkien adaptations — "An Unexpected Journey" — on Dec. 14.

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