

VINEYARD GAZETTE

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Raven's View: What's Good, Bad and Scary

Gone are the grownup gatekeepers of movie merit — kids are the audience for the weekly Cinema Circus films. So the Gazette and the Martha's Vineyard Film Festival bring you the big view from the smaller viewers with weekly kid critics.

Today Raven May McCormack reviews each of the films in Follow Your Heart, the program of shorts which screens (along with plenty of larger-than-life children's activities) on Wednesday, June 30, at 5 p.m. at the Chilmark Community Center. It's a prelude to dinner and a movie for the grownups — more on that below.

Leonardo : First it's funny, then it turns a little sad but it has a great ending. It's about the artist Leonardo da Vinci.

Doctor De Soto : Doctor De Soto is a mouse, he's a dentist to animals. He has to treat a fox. The fox tries to eat the mouse.

Shhh: Grandad wants someone to be quiet and then he makes them disappear. The boy tries to copy him. It's a little bit of a scary ending.

Angel Waltraut Can't Fly : Waltraut is an angel. Her wings are shrunk. She fell from heaven. When she helps people her wings grow. It has a funny ending.

The Necktie : This story is about a man who hates his boring job. It's a weird story. It has a happy ending and it's a little scary.

Kid Critic Closeup: Raven McCormack

Name: Raven McCormack



Raven McCormack

Parent: Christopher Mara

Age: 9

Pet: Kit Kat

School: Edgartown; going into fourth grade

Favorite subject: Math

Favorite movie: Little Soldiers

Favorite book: Fairyopolis

Favorite song: The Way I

Christmas Tree : It's almost Christmas. Time to decorate the tree.

Milla's Mushroom : Milla finds a fun, exciting, cool mushroom.

Electric Car : It's about how cool it is to drive an electric car. It's also a musical.

Pig's Happiness : It's about a family of pigs that litter a lot. It has a fun ending.

The main feature for tomorrow night, I Am Love, screens at 8 p.m. Starring the Oscar-winning actress Tilda Swinton, who also produced, this is billed as an Italian drama in which tradition and modernity collide, precipitating the fall of the wealthy Recchi family. The story examines the trappings that come with wealth and the irresistible draw of forbidden passion. The film is a rich depiction of the times, themes of repression and breaking free, unconditional love and the undeniable shock of change.

Dinner is available from 7 p.m.

Loved You

Favorite activity: the card game Spit

Favorite summertime food: Oysters

Favorite place to go with friends and why: the Ag Fair and the Game Room because you win stuff

What do you want to be when you grow up: a singer

Best thing about summer on the Vineyard: Swimming

Anything else you want us to know about you: I love using my iPod Touch