

# Northwest is ready for its close up

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In addition to "Your Sister's Sister," SIFF is featuring a wealth of other local films in the Northwest Connections program: seven narrative features and six documentaries, as well as 34 short films. Here's a brief introduction to the other full-length films:

## Features:

### "Camilla Dickinson":

Based on Madeleine L'Engle's 1951 novel and set in 1948 New York City, this coming-of-age drama is directed by Seattle-based filmmaker Cornelia Duryée Moore (previously represented at SIFF with "The Dark Horse" in 2008). Screenings: May 20 at 5:30 p.m., Harvard Exit; May 23 at 4 p.m., SIFF Cinema Uptown.

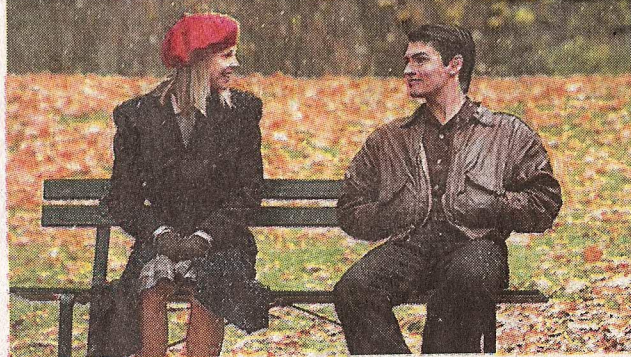
"The Details": Jason Aaron Estes' dark comedy, about a frazzled couple facing ravenous raccoons in their yard, was filmed in the Seattle area back in 2009 and stars Tobey Maguire, Elizabeth Banks and Laura Linney. Screenings: June 8 at 6:30 p.m., Egyptian (a Friday Gala); June 9 at 8:30 p.m., Kirkland Performance Center.

"Eden": The third feature from Seattle-based film-

when he joins a punk-rock band. The film won an audience award at South by Southwest earlier this year. Screenings: May 18 at 7, Renton Ikea Performing Arts Center (Renton opening-night gala); May 19 at 6:30 p.m., Egyptian; May 28 at 6 p.m., Everett Performing Arts Center.

"Grassroots": SIFF's closing night gala is a locally filmed comedy inspired by the 2001 Seattle City Council campaign of monorail advocate Grant Cogswell. Directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal (yes, he's Jake and Maggie's father), it stars Jason Biggs, Joel David Moore, Lauren Ambrose and Cedric the Entertainer. Screenings: June 10 at 6 p.m., SIFF Cinema Uptown (gala).

"Ira Finkelstein's Christmas": Seattle-based filmmaker Sue Corcoran's latest is a family-friendly



PETE MOROZ

Adelaide Clemens and Gregg Sulkin in Seattle-based director Cornelia Duryée Moore's "Camilla Dickinson."



BENJAMIN KASULKE

"Safety Not Guaranteed," with Aubrey Plaza and Mark Duplass, concerns a Seattle Magazine investigation.



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Joel David Moore, right, plays Grant Cogswell, the monorail activist who ran for Seattle City Council in 2001, and Jason Biggs is campaign manager Phil Campbell in the locally filmed comedy "Grassroots."

screenplay award (by Derek Connolly) at Sundance this year. Screen-

p.m., Everett Performing Arts Center.

"The Long Ride Home":

nation against Chinese immigrants. Screenings: May 23 at 6 p.m., May 24

documentary, which also includes rehearsal and performance footage from ballets by George Balan-