Bollywood:
Thirty Years of Indian Cinema

Traffic Signal
Monday, September 16, 2013 5:00pm White Hall 101
Directed by Madhur Bhandarkar in 2007
Starring Kunal Khemu and Konkona Sen
At a traffic intersection in Bombay, a collection of beggars, prostitutes, tricksters, eunuchs and trinket-sellers earn their livelihood. The film is about love and survival of a teenager who becomes the “manager.”

Shatranj Ke Khilari
“The Chess Players”
Monday, September 30, 2013 5:00pm White Hall 101
Directed by Satyajit Ray in 1977
Starring Saeed Jaffrey, Shabana Azmi, Sanjeev Kumar, and Tom Alter
On the eve of British colonialists deposing the King of Lucknow, two friends play chess to avoid real struggles for power in life and love. The film is based on a Hindi short-story by Premchand.

Dostana
“Male Bonding”
Monday, October 7, 2013 5:00pm White Hall 101
Directed by Tarun Mansukhani in 2008
Starring John Abraham, Abhishek Bachchan and Priyanka Chopra
Two Indian professionals in the USA pretend to be gay lovers in order to share an apartment with an appealing young lady in this romantic comedy about sexuality by producer Karan Johar.

Junoon
“Obsession”
Monday, October 21, 2013 5:00pm White Hall 101
Directed by Shyam Benegal in 1978
Starring Shashi Kapoor, Naseeruddin Shah, and Shabana Azmi
During the Indian revolt against the British in 1857, two brothers take different paths; one falls in love with a British woman and one takes up the fight against her relatives. The story is based on a novella, Flight of Pigeons, by Ruskin Bond.

Fashion
Monday, November 11, 2013 5:00pm White Hall 101
Directed by Madhur Bhandarkar in 2008
Starring Priyanka Chopra
A young woman moves to Bombay to make a career in modeling, facing struggle and exploitation before finding success with her gay friend, male lover, and female rivals.

Sholay
“Sparks”
Monday, December 2, 2013 5:00pm White Hall 101
Directed by Ramesh Sippy in 1975
Starring Amitabh Bachchan, Dharmendra and Hema Malini
Probably the most famous Indian film ever, this action adventure which draws on Western movies features two criminals hired as detectives to capture a dangerous bandit.