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# Movies

## Wide Screening The Canterbury Tales

By Jim Whaley

The Canterbury Tales is definitely not for every taste. What some viewers will see as enthrallingly earthy others will find tastelessly obscene. Pier Paolo Pasolini, the film's writer-director often had just this sort of effect on audiences. Whatever else it is, The Canterbury Tales is a fascinating work by one of the international cinema's most original talents. The film, made in 1972, is only now finding its way here—it's American premiere engagement is at the Screening Room.

Pasolini's last film (the director was brutally murdered a few years ago) *Salo* has still to be released in the U.S.

Pasolini himself portrays Chaucer, appearing throughout, quill in hand ready to jot down the latest tale. In his hands the tales range from the cinematically inventive *The Merchant's Tale* (with Hugh Griffith) and the absurdly comic *The Student's Tale* to the quite indescribable *Summoner's Tale*.

Throughout all this there is a great deal of nudity, ripe language and what not—the movie certainly earned its X rating.

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## Where to Go, What to Do

The Fox theater, 660 Peachtree St., will celebrate its 50th anniversary Thursday with a huge birthday party. Old newsreels spanning 50 years of America's history will be shown starting at 5 p.m. Other party activities will include a sing-along and cartoons. The movie "That's Entertainment," starring Fred Astaire, Esther Williams and Gene Kelly, will be shown from 7:30-9 p.m., after which a 2,000-pound birthday cake will be cut for guests. Visitors also can tour the theater. The \$1 admission will go to the theater's restoration. 522-9120.

### Theater

Academy Children's Theatre: "Mark Twain," an original play. 10 a.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday. Peachtree Playhouse, Peachtree and 13th streets. \$2 plus group rates. 892-0880.

Showcase Cabaret: "Della's Diner, Blue Plate Special, Episode 17" ending Jan. 19, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8 and 11 p.m. Saturday. 1544 Piedmont Road. 892-0543.

Barn Dinner Theatre: "Tom Jones." 7 p.m. through Monday. 1690 Terrell Mill Road SE, Marietta. 952-6262.

### Cinema

Silver Screen: "King Kong." 7:50, 8:30 and 10:10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. "Tarzan, The Ape Man." 4:40 and 8:20 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. 2369 Peachtree Road NE.

The Screening Room: "Canterbury Tales." 6:15, 8:10 and 10 p.m. Broadview Plaza, Piedmont Road.

### Concerts

Agora Ballroom: Dreamer and Baby and the Pacifiers. 8 p.m. Wednesday. 665 Peachtree St. NE. \$2. 872-4672.



Ninetto Davoli as Peterkin is seen carrying a huge bowl in soup line in "The Cook's Tale," one of "The Canterbury Tales" at The Screening Room.

### Dance

Atlanta Ballet Company: "Nutcracker." 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Fox, 660 Peachtree St. \$4-\$12. 881-1977.

### Exhibits

Atlanta College of Art: Faculty exhibition through Jan. 16. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.