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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

"FANNY & ALEXANDER," Ingmar Bergman's new film, opens Friday, July 22nd at the ACT Theatre in Berkeley.

Perhaps Bergman's last film, "FANNY & ALEXANDER" is part comedy, part supernatural, and is set in a 1907 Swedish provincial town, moving through the lives of a large, wealthy turn-of-the-century theatrical family. From grandmother Helena to a villainous stepfather to the grandchildren, Fanny and Alexander, the film is rich in imagery and illusion, with ghosts, magic, and mysticism. The movie is told primarily from the point of view of ten-year-old Alexander.

This is Bergman's 43rd feature film as writer-director, with Jorn Donner as executive producer and Sven Nykvist as cinematographer. The Embassy Pictures release was produced by Cinematograph for the Swedish Film Institute and is rated R.