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The Twilight Samurai

A 19th-century would-be samurai tries to protect a battered wife and children.

DIRECTOR: Yoji Yamada

STARRING: Hiroyuki Sanada, Rie Miyazawa, Nenji Kobayashi, Min Tanaka, Ren Osugi

OPENS: April 2nd, 2004 [\[tickets & times\]](#)

TRAILER: [\[Windows\]](#) [\[Quicktime\]](#)

The United States of Leland

This is the story of a teenager arrested and sent to juvenile hall, after an autistic child out of sympathy. He meets a teacher who helps him figure out the reasons why he committed the crime.

DIRECTOR: Matthew Ryan Hoge

STARRING: Don Cheadle, Ryan Gosling, Chris Klein, Jena Malone, Lena Olin

OPENS: April 2nd, 2004 (LA/NY). [\[tickets & times\]](#)

TRAILER: [\[Quicktime\]](#)

Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter... and Spring



A young boy lives in floating temple on a beautiful lake with an elder who teaches him the ways of the Buddha. Years later the boy experiences sexual awakening with a girl who comes to the temple to be healed by master.

DIRECTOR: Ki-duk Kim

STARRING: Yeong-su Oh, Young-min Kim, Jong-ho Kim, Jae-kyeong Seo, Yeo-jin Ha

OPENS: April 2, 2004 NY/LA. [[tickets & times](#)]

TRAILER: [[Windows](#)] [[Realplayer](#)]

Son Frre

Set on the coast of France. As Thomas awaits his death his loved ones inspired to prompt change in the course of their own lives.

DIRECTOR: Patrice Chereau

STARRING: Bruno Todeschini, Eric Caravaca, Nathalie Bouteau, Maurice Garrel, Catherine Deneuve

OPENS: April 2, 2004 NY. [[tickets & times](#)]

TRAILER: [[Quicktime](#)]

I'm Not Scared

During the summer 1978, a 9-year-old boy, in Sicily discovers that another boy, is being held captive in a hole underneath an abandoned house. As he investigates further, he discovers that the adults (including his own parents) in his idyllic little town are all involved in a nefarious ransom scheme...

DIRECTOR: Gabriele Salvatores

STARRING: Giuseppe Cristiano, Mattia Di Pierro, Aitana Snchez-Gijn, Dino Abbrescia, Abatantuono

OPENS: April 9th, 2004 (LA/NY). [[tickets & times](#)]

TRAILER: [[Quicktime](#)]

Shade



Set in the world of high-stakes poker hustlers, this is the story of three men looking for that one big take that they can all retire on. After they actually pull off a huge sting, they find themselves chased by a ripped-off gang looking for revenge.

DIRECTOR: Damian Nieman

STARRING: Gabriel Byrne, Thandie Newton, Sylvester Stallone, Stuart Townsend, Patrick Swayze

OPENS: April 9th, 2004 (LA). [\[tickets & times\]](#)

TRAILER: [\[Quicktime\]](#)

Twentynine Palms

A young photographer from Los Angeles takes his girlfriend with him looking for locations for a photography shoot in Southern California, but they find their lives changed by something horrible that happens in the desert.

DIRECTOR: Bruno Dumont

STARRING: Katerina Golubeva, David Wissak

OPENS: April 9th, 2004 (LA/NY). [\[tickets & times\]](#)

TRAILER: [\[Quicktime\]](#)

Middle of the World

The true story of a man who takes his wife and five children on a 2,000-mile bicycle trip across Brazil, in search of a decent job.

DIRECTOR: Vicente Amorim

STARRING: Cludia Abreu, Manoel Sebastio Alves Filho, Carol Castro, Las Corra, Claudio Lins

OPENS: April 2, 2004 NY/LA/Miami. [\[tickets & times\]](#)

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