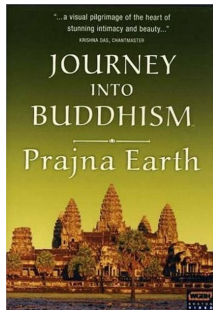


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Film Series**  
**Saturdays at 7:00 PM**  
(in-person event)



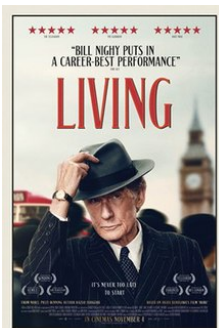
## July 8: **PRAJNA EARTH (2006)**

Producer, Director,  
Writer: John Bush.  
Narrator: Sharon Stone.

*Prajna Earth* is the second part of a PBS trilogy "Journey into Buddhism". This lyrical documentary is a journey into the living traditions and lost civilizations of Bali, Cambodia and Java and explores the universal ideals of wisdom, compassion, and inner peace at the very heart of these ancient Buddhist cultures.

## July 15: **LIVING (2002)**

Director: Oliver Hermanus. Starring: Bill Nighy, Aimee Lou Wood.



Adapted from the 1952 Akira Kurosawa film *Ikiru*, which was partly inspired by Leo Tolstoy's *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*, this British

drama is set in 1953 London. The plot centers on a bureaucrat who has just been informed of his terminal disease. How is he to give meaning to the last days of his life? He is somewhat estranged from his son and daughter-in-law, and has no other meaningful relationships. After working through the suicide option and the "entertainment" option, he must struggle against his bureaucratic self to release his real self.

## July 22: **GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (2005)**



Director: George Clooney. Starring: David Stathairn, Patricia Clarkson, George Clooney, Jeff Daniels, Robert Downey Jr., Frank Langella.

This historical drama portrays the conflict between veteran journalist Edward R. Murrow and U.S. Senator Joseph McCarthy and the Senator's anti-communist committee investigations. This period in U.S. history exemplifies how suspicion, fear and suppression are easy to cultivate almost any time. The more universal theme is about the responsibility of the media, especially when a voice of dissent against government policy is needed.

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