Five Minutes of Heaven (2009)

Directed by Oliver Hirschbiegel
Not Rated, 90 minutes
Lurgan Northern Ireland, 1975. A low level civil war has been underway, with the IRA targeting British loyalists and the loyalist Ulster Volunteer Force exacting revenge on Catholics they claim are militant republicans. Alistair Little, 16 is the leader of a UVF cell, eager to be blooded. He and his gang are given the go ahead to kill a young Catholic man, James Griffin, as a reprisal and a warning to others. When the hit is carried out, Joe Griffin - the 11-year old little brother of the target - watches in horror his brother is shot in the head. Thirty years later Joe Griffin and Alistair are to meet, on camera, with a view to reconciliation. Alistair has served his sentence, and peace may have been agreed to in N. Ireland, but Joe Griffin is not coming on the program for a handshake. Unbeknownst to the production team, he intends to stick a knife in his brother’s killer - live on air.

A Film With Me In It (2008)

Directed by Ian Fitzgibbon
Not Rated, 89 minutes
A comedy which tells the story of a down-on-his-luck actor who, through no fault of his own, ends up with a dead dog, a dead brother, a dead girlfriend and a dead landlord in his apartment. Shocked and unable to process what has occurred, he enlists the help of a hapless but hilarious friend. Together they hatch a genius plan to treat their predicament as a film scenario and try to rewrite the day.

Brothers (2009)

Directed by Jim Sheridan
Rated R, 105 minutes
When a decorated Marine goes missing overseas, his black-sheep younger brother cares for his wife and children at home—with consequences that will shake the foundation of the entire family. Brothers tells the powerful story of two siblings, thirtysomething Captain Sam Cahill (Tobey Maguire) and younger brother Tommy Cahill (Jake Gyllenhaal), who are polar opposites. A Marine about to embark on his fourth tour of duty, Sam is a steadfast family man married to his high school sweetheart, the aptly named Grace (Natalie Portman), with whom he has two young daughters (Bailee Madison, Taylor Grace Geare). Tommy, his charismatic younger brother, is a drifter just out of jail who’s always gotten by on wit and charm. He slides easily into his role as family provocateur on his first night out of prison, at Sam’s farewell dinner with their parents, Elsie (Mare Winningham) and Hank Cahill (Sam Shepard), a retired Marine.

Irish Short Cuts-On the Lighter Side

Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: $6, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors, and $3 all students
Various Directors; Not rated, 100 minutes
Yu Ming is Aim Dom (My Name is Yu Ming, 2003)
Directed by Daniel O’Hara
Not rated, 13 minutes
Academy Award Nominated - Best Short Animation; Granny O’Grimm, a seemingly sweet old lady, loses the plot as she tells her version of Sleeping Beauty to her terrified granddaughter.

Granny O’Grimms Sleeping Beauty (2009)

Directed by Nicky Phelan
Not Rated, 6 minutes

The Boys of St. Columb’s (2009)

Directed by Tom Collins
Not Rated, 65 minutes
Tom Collins directs this documentary about the famous success stories of St. Columb’s school in Derry, Ireland; including Nobel Laureates Seamus Heaney and John Hume to name but two. The film explores how the means time at the school shaped them, and how they went on to shape modern Ireland.

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