

# MUNSON FILM SERIES

## JANUARY 2026 SCHEDULE



**TICKETS:** General Public \$10 | Members \$8 | Students \$6 | Free for Pratt Munson Students

**DISCOUNTED TICKETS:** 10-ticket film passbooks available! Please contact the Munson ticket office at 315-797-0055.

### Rental Family

**Jan. 7 and 9**

Directed by Hikari, 2025, USA/Japan, Rated PG-13, 110 min. partially subtitled.



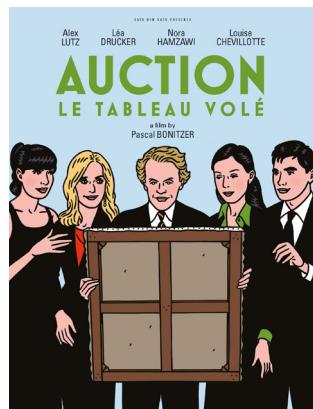
Brendan Fraser stars as Phillip, a struggling American actor in Tokyo who takes an unusual job at a "rental family" agency where he plays stand-in roles—father, son, husband—for strangers in need of connection. Alongside Fraser, Takehiro Hira, Mari Yamamoto, Shannon Mahina Gorman, and Akira Emoto populate this cross-cultural comedy-drama that tenderly explores belonging, identity, and the price of emotional labor. *Rental Family* resonated deeply with

audiences at the Toronto International Film Festival. The New York Times noted that Fraser "imbues Phillip with gentle nuance and winsome charm," anchoring a story full of warmth and wit.

### Auction

**Jan. 21 and 23**

Directed by Pascal Bonitzer, 2025, France, Rated PG-13, 91 min., subtitled.



In this sharp comedy-drama set in the high stakes world of Parisian art auctions, veteran auctioneer André (Alex Lutz) finds his career upended when a lost Egon Schiele painting—believed destroyed by the Nazis—resurfaces in the modest home of a factory worker. Alongside Léa Drucker as Bertina, his ex-wife and colleague, and a motley ensemble of dealers and collectors, André navigates deceit, ambition, and moral ambiguity as the painting's rediscovery threatens

to reshape personal and professional alliances. Critics have praised *Auction* for its clever blend of wit and social insight, with IndieWire calling it "a spry and incisive look at value, ego, and the art world's unpredictable machinery."

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### Peter Hujar's Day

**Jan. 14 and 16**

Directed by Ira Sachs, 2025, USA, Not Rated, 76 min.



In this intimate biographical drama, Ben Whishaw portrays iconic photographer Peter Hujar as he recounts a single ordinary day in 1974 to his friend and writer Linda Rosenkrantz (Rebecca Hall). Captured almost entirely through a conversation in Rosenkrantz's New York apartment, the film becomes a meditation on art, friendship, and the unseen rhythms of creative life. *Peter Hujar's Day* premiered at the Sundance Film Festival and went on to lead the nominations at the 41st

Film Independent Spirit Awards, including Best Feature, Best Director, and acting nods for Whishaw and Hall.

### Hamnet

**Jan. 28 and 30**

Directed by Chloé Zhao, 2025, UK/USA, Rated PG-13, 126 min.



Adapted from Maggie O'Farrell's acclaimed novel, *Hamnet* tells the deeply moving story of William Shakespeare (Paul Mescal) and his wife Agnes (Jessie Buckley) as they confront the devastating death of their young son Hamnet—the tragedy that would later inspire *Hamlet*. Emphasizing emotional intimacy and human truth over grand theatrics, the film weaves lush period detail with a contemporary sensibility. *Hamnet* won the People's Choice Award at the 2025 Toronto International Film Festival, an honor often seen as an indicator for Oscar recognition. *The Guardian* called it "a profoundly affecting portrait of grief and love, led by powerhouse performances from Buckley and Mescal."

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