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MacEwan University’s REEL Learning series presents the classic, *All That Jazz*

Edmonton – MacEwan University and Metro Cinema invite you to the next installment of their REEL Learning series, a screening of the classic 1979 musical *All That Jazz*. The screening will be followed by a talk by Jim Guedo, associate professor and program coordinator in the university’s Theatre Arts program. Guedo will explore the film in the context of the rigor, discipline and passion required to be an artist.

“All That Jazz is a master class on life in the theatre – it shows the toll, as well as the joy, of the creative process, and is an amazing piece of thinly veiled autobiographical film-making by the late Bob Fosse, who straddled the cinema, music theatre and television arts,” said Guedo. “It’s the most entertaining movie about death you’ll ever see.” The film won the Palme d’Or at the 1980 Cannes Film Festival.

The film centers around Joe Gideon, a director and choreographer who is focused on trying to balance working on his latest Broadway musical and the demands of editing a feature film. As he chain-smokes, uses drugs, womanizes, and overworks himself into open-heart surgery, he becomes increasingly aware of his mortality, which the film illustrates with a series of dazzling dream sequences of musical numbers which he “directs” from his hospital bed.

“All That Jazz is an extravaganza; it’s a documentary and it’s a fantasy,” added Guedo. “Fosse loves the theatre and he loves the energy of the artistic process, but he also shows the demons attached.”

Fosse was monumental, iconic figure on Broadway and he’s one of the few who has won an Oscar, a Tony and Emmy Award. He was an actor, but he was primarily known as a choreographer and a director.

The REEL Learning series provides audiences with an opportunity to take a deep dive into movies and their relationship to current events and topics related to their content. Expert commentary is provided by industry experts and MacEwan University faculty members.

When: Wednesday, January 25  
Where: Metro Cinema (8712-109 street)  
Time: 7 p.m.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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