

Wheat Soup

Wednesday, Oct. 11, Cinematheque, 9:30pm
 Thursday, Oct. 12, Cinematheque, 4:30pm

Canada, 1989, 75 minutes
 Director: Brian Stockton, Gerald Saul
 Screenplay: Brian Stockton, Gerald Saul
 Cinematography: Spyro Egarhos
 Leading Players: Shaf, Sandi Happy, Leonard
 Cyrman, Mike Benny, Bob Campbell
 Print Source: Alberta Releasing

Wheat Soup offers a mythology and cosmology which could only have come from Saskatchewan, where, as one character observes, "two dimensions is all you need — it's all you've got". It takes place in the future, after some unspecified event — known as "the great flattening" — has ended society as we know it. In this two-dimensional future we meet Sam, the Last Wheat Farmer, who is ready to give up shooting at wheat poachers in favour of the open road. So he takes to the railroad tracks.... The resultant quirky shaggy-dog story has a sense of humour and charm which are entirely its own.

The Monster in the Coal Bin

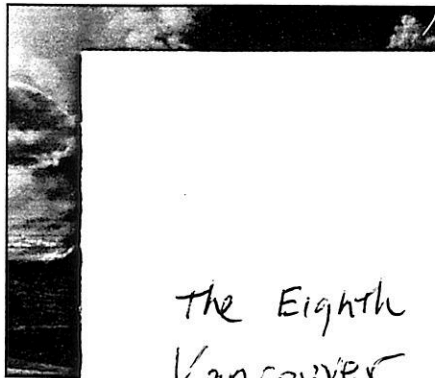
Canada, 1989, 25 minutes
 Director: Allen Schinkel
 Screenplay: Allen Schinkel, Darlene Kanski
 Leading Players: Adam Smoluk, C. Roscoe Handford
 Print Sources: Winnipeg Film Group

In 1957, 8-year-old Furby must contend with the loss of his father, with a move into an ominous old house... and with *something* in the coal bin. The film captures well the intensity of feeling of childhood, even amidst the most banal surroundings.

Mike

Canada, 1989, 25 minutes
 Director: M.B. Duggan
 Screenplay: M.B. Duggan
 Leading Players: Kyle McCulloch, Dorothy Bolton

Mike is a powerful drama which recounts the experiences of a young man just released from a psychiatric hospital. This brilliantly edited film vividly captures Mike's sense of displacement. Winner of Best Short Drama and Best Actor awards at this year's Yorkton Film Festival.



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