

ROGER EBERT RECEIVES THE RECOVERY MILESTONE AWARD, 2006



PRESENTS:

"Cinema can be a barometer of cultural attitudes and an instrument of cultural change. The 2006 **Under the Influence: The Film Series** reveals America's evolving perception of alcoholism and dependence upon other drugs and includes films that have both reflected and sparked turning points in public perception and public policy. These films and their discussions will draw many appreciative audiences from across the United States."

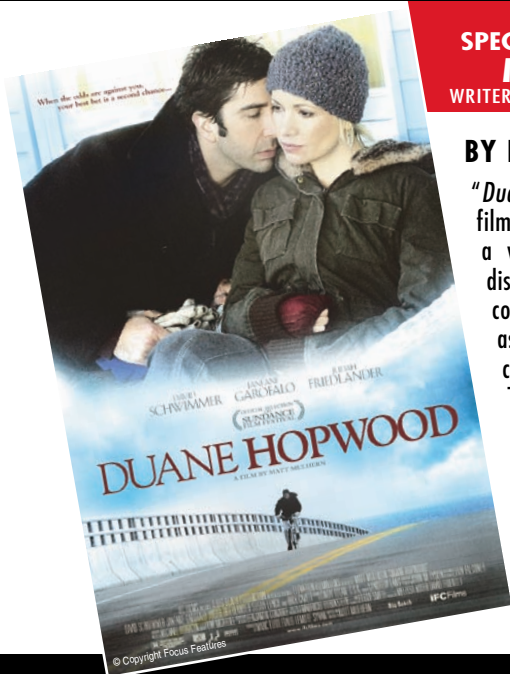
WILLIAM L. WHITE, M.A.

Author of *Slaying the Dragon, The History of Addiction Treatment and Recovery in America*

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THE FILM SERIES

FEATURES, DOCUMENTARIES AND SHORTS
IN WHICH ADDICTION AND RECOVERY PLAY LEADING ROLES



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SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE
MATT MULHERN
WRITER/DIRECTOR, *DUANE HOPWOOD*

BY ROGER EBERT, Nov. 18, 2005

"*Duane Hopwood* is a wise and touching film with a lot of love in it. The movie is a wise and realistic portrait of the disease, showing the drunk not as a colorful or tragic character, but simply as a sad man whose days occasionally contain moments of joy and hope. The quality of this movie is in its observation. *Duane Hopwood* shows ordinary days in ordinary lives. Its hero is a man who grieves for the loss of his happiness and does not know he should grieve for the loss of himself."

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MATT MULHERN
 Writer / Director, *Duane Hopwood*

Matt Mulhern started his career as an actor in 1985, when he was cast in the original Broadway company of Neil Simon's Tony Award winning "Biloxi Blues." He then went on to appear in film, television and theatre for the next thirteen years before writing and directing his first film, "Walking to the Waterline," (IFC Films) in 1998.

"Duane Hopwood," his second movie, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January, 2005 before being released theatrically the following November by IFC Films. Now available on DVD and soon to appear on Showtime cable, this story of the limits of unconditional love was cited as one of the best films of 2005 by Roger Ebert, who wrote that it features a "career transforming performance" by David Schwimmer as the hapless Duane, a man who can't come to terms with a life spinning out of control due to a drinking problem.

Strong response to the film's handling of an all-too-often stereotypical portrayal of the disease of alcoholism has led to screenings and discussions such as "Under the Influence," exploring the issues millions of people face in their daily battle with the addiction and recovery process.

"Duane Hopwood" is a moving, humorous and ultimately hopeful story of one man's journey towards a second chance.



CAROL L. ADAMS, PhD.
 Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services

Carol L. Adams is secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services. Appointed by Governor Rod Blagojevich in February, 2003, Dr. Adams directs the state's human services programs, with a staff complement of more than 13,000 people and a \$4 billion budget. The agency offers services at more than 300 locations statewide. Its major components are: Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Community Health and Prevention, Developmental Disabilities, Human Capital Development, Mental Health, and Rehabilitation Services. A career public servant and public policy innovator who has for more than 30 years made substantial contributions to human services, community development, sociological research and African-American education and culture, Dr. Adams is a native of Louisville, Kentucky and the mother of one daughter.



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ROBYN LEARY

President, Recovery Network Foundation
 Executive Producer, *Under the Influence: The Film Series*
 Host & Producer, *Recovery Talk*, WDFH 90.3 FM,
 New York's lower Hudson valley

Ms. Leary will facilitate the post-screening panel discussion.

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PANEL PARTICIPANTS



ROBERT L. MOORE, PhD.

Distinguished Service Professor of Psychology,
Psychoanalysis and Spirituality at the Graduate Center,
Chicago Theological Seminary

Dr. Moore is a widely acclaimed scholar and researcher in the fields of psychology and religion, focusing on the interface between psychological and spiritual development. He is also a practicing psychotherapist and psychoanalytic researcher — one of the few psychoanalysts in the world who have studied comparative psychoanalytic theory and practice in depth, attaining status diplomate in more than one psychoanalytic tradition. His work on structural psychoanalysis, decoding the structures of the human self, has led to his receiving international recognition as a major psychoanalytic theorist and proponent of integrative psychotherapy.

Dr. Moore is Distinguished Service Professor of Psychology, Psychoanalysis and Spirituality at the Chicago Theological Seminary, where he is the Senior Professor in the Center for Theology, Ethics and the Human Sciences, an interdisciplinary institute for advanced study in the philosophical, theological and ethical implications of the various human sciences. He has also served as a Senior Fellow in the Center for the Scientific Study of Religion and as the Founder and President of the Institute for World Spirituality, an organization which sought to facilitate the creation of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in compassionate action. For over a decade Professor Moore was the Chair of the Religion and Social Sciences Section of the American Academy of Religion. He is a co-founder and Director of Research for the Institute for the Science of Psychoanalysis, a research and training institute for studies in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy.



ABHIN SINGLA, M.D.

Medical Director, Clinical Associates of Medicine LLC, Joliet, Ill.

Dr. Abhin Singla is the Medical Director for Clinical Associates of Medicine LLC in Joliet, Ill., a private practice specializing in internal and addiction medicine. Dr. Singla's areas of expertise lay in substance abuse treatment, pain management and dual diagnosis, specifically in primary care and long-term management for patients in recovery.

In addition, Dr. Singla serves as Medical Director and Consultant with the Way Back Inn, Inc. in Maywood, Ill., Medical Director for the Peer Assistance Network for Nurses (PANN) and Chief Addictionologist for the Will County State's Attorney office, where he researches and makes recommendations into the management of addictions in the criminal justice system. Dr. Singla is also the Vice President of Medical Informatics and Co-Founder of MyOwn.MD out of San Diego, Calif.

Dr. Singla received a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Illinois, Chicago, where he also received his Medical Degree in 1994. Dr. Singla also completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in addiction medicine with while at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Singla serves as a clinical assistant professor of medicine at several schools in the Chicago area, including University of Illinois, SABA Medical School, Medical University of the Americas, Chicago Medical School and Rush Medical School, in addition to Washington University Medical School and Saint Louis University Medical School in St. Louis.

Dr. Singla is a member of the Board of Directors for the Will-Grundy Medical Society, the Illinois Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Illinois Society of Addiction Medicine in Chicago and the Substance Abuse Advisory Council in Springfield, Ill.

Dr. Singla has been the guest of the Oprah Winfrey Show, discussing Ecstasy and teen drug use.

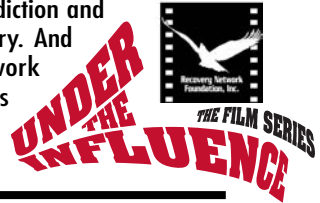


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In recognition of his excellence in film criticism and sensitive, insightful coverage of addiction and recovery themes as they are portrayed in cinema today.

Roger Ebert's critical eye has long served to educate audiences and demystify the nature of addiction and illuminate the reality of recovery. And for this, The Recovery Network Foundation celebrates and bears witness to his talent and courage.



Our Consulting Curator is **Margaret Parsons**, the renowned Head of the Film Department at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. Special advisers to the film series include the pioneer documentary filmmaker **Albert Maysles**; **Catherine Wyler**, Producer and Artistic Director of the High Falls Film Festival in Rochester, NY; **William L. White, M.A.**, noted author and addiction, treatment, and recovery historian; **Robin Room, PhD.**, Professor & Director of the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol and Drugs, Stockholm University; and film specialist **Max Alvarez**.

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