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February 7, 2005

Event: IWU's Titan Film Series presents Touchstone Pictures': *The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou*, directed by Wes Anderson; Rated R, 118 minutes, 2004, comedy

Date: Feb. 18 (Friday)

Time: 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Location: Hansen Student Center, 300 Beecher St., Bloomington

Admission: Free and open to the public

Background: Cast: Bill Murray, Cate Blanchett, Owen Wilson, and Angelica Huston

The film, an intentional blurring of reality, is about an internationally famous oceanographer Steve Zissou and his crew "Team Zissou," that set sail on an expedition to hunt down the mysterious, elusive, possibly non-existent Jaguar Shark. The shark supposedly killed Zissou's partner during the documentary filming of their latest adventure.

The team is joined on their voyage by a young airline co-pilot, who may or may not be Zissou's son, a journalist assigned to write a profile of Zissou, and Zissou's estranged wife and co-producer. During the voyage, they face overwhelming complications including pirates, kidnapping, and bankruptcy.

Entertainment Tonight called the film "funny and full of surprises" and the *New York Times* said, "Bill Murray's performance is a triumph."

Writer and director Wes Anderson also wrote and directed the cult hits: *The Royal Tenenbaums* (2001), *Rushmore* (1998), and *Bottle Rocket* (1996).

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