

BENTLEY UNIVERSITY  
**FALL 2024 INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES**  
“GLOBAL CANDIDATES”

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
6:30PM, WILDER PAVILION  
ZOOM MEETING ID 982 6026 1991



**THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE**  
2004, U.S.  
129 min., directed by Jonathan Demme

When his army unit was ambushed during the first Gulf War, Sergeant Raymond Shaw saved his fellow soldiers just as his commanding officer, then-Captain Ben Marco, was knocked unconscious. Brokering the incident for political capital, Shaw eventually becomes a vice-presidential nominee, as Marco is haunted by dreams of what may have happened and chooses to investigate. The story begins to unravel to the point where he questions if it happened at all. Is it possible the entire unit was kidnapped and brainwashed to believe Shaw is a war hero as part of a plot to seize the White House? Some very powerful people at Manchurian Global corporation appear desperate to stop him from finding out.

2005 Best Action/Adventure/Thriller Film Nominee,  
Saturn Awards

**OCTOBER 23**  
6:30PM, WILDER PAVILION  
ZOOM MEETING ID 935 5977 6182



**THE PERECT CANDIDATE**  
2019, Saudi Arabia/Germany  
104 min., directed by Haifaa al-Mansour

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Women were forbidden to drive motor vehicles in Saudi Arabia until June 2018. Haifaa Al-Mansour begins her film with Dr. Maryam Alsafan driving her small automobile, as if to say, “What’s next?” Dr. Maryam is the only doctor at a small medical clinic in Saudi Arabia. She is determined to get the dirt road to the hospital paved to enhance prospects for people to reach the facility in time to get the medical care they need. In her efforts to get the road paved, she becomes an accidental candidate for local political office, subsequently encountering even more obstacles. Her candidacy prompts her to reconsider broader issues facing women in her land, issues that are of equal or greater import than a single road.

2020 Audience Award for Best International Feature,  
Florida Film Festival  
2019 Best Film Golden Lion Nominee, Venice Film Festival

**NOVEMBER 18**  
6:30PM, WILDER PAVILION  
ZOOM MEETING ID 971 7700 6066



**BOBI WINE: THE PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT**  
2022, U.K./Uganda/U.S.  
113 min., directed by Moses Bwayo and Christopher Sharp

Born in the slums of Kampala, Bobi Wine, Ugandan opposition leader, former member of parliament, activist, and national superstar musician, risks his life to fight the ruthless regime led by Yoweri Museveni. Museveni has been in power since 1986 and changed Uganda's constitution to enable him to run for yet another five-year term. Running in the country's 2021 presidential election, Bobi Wine uses his music to denounce the dictatorial regime and support his life's mission to defend the oppressed and the voiceless people of Uganda. In this fight, he must also take on the country's police and military, which are not afraid to use violence and torture in a vain attempt to intimidate and silence him and his supporters.

2024 Cinema for Peace Dove for The Political Film of the Year  
2024 Best Documentary Feature, IDA  
2023 Best Documentary Feature Nominee, Academy Awards