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# Movies on 3rd Tuesday, October 16

## John C. Hitt Library - 3rd Floor Media Area

**9 am**

### **Billie Jean King: A Female Tennis Champion**

Billie Jean King is the single most important female athlete of the 20th century, winner of 39 Grand Slam titles and a major force in changing and democratizing the cultural landscape. AMERICAN MASTERS looks back to the 12-year-old girl who played tennis on public courts, observed disparity and, as she soared athletically, never stopped trying to remedy inequality. Perhaps best remembered from "The Battle of the Sexes" match vs. Bobby Riggs on Sept. 20, 1973, her competitiveness on the court was matched by her efforts on behalf of women and the LGBT community, and her commitment to prove there is strength in diversity. King presents her own story, with perspective from Serena and Venus Williams, Hillary Clinton, Maria Sharapova, members of the Virginia Slims Circuit "Original 9" including Rosie Casals, Gloria Steinem, Chris Evert, Bobby Riggs' son Larry, family, friends, and many others. Through these interviews and archival footage, the film illustrates the life of a woman whose journey became not just a battle for personal glory but a sociopolitical battle for equality for all.

**12 pm:**

### **To Be Takei: A Star's Trek for Life, Liberty, and Love**

Oh my! This award winning documentary features Star Trek legend, marriage equality advocate, and spokesperson for racial justice; superstar George Takei. Best known for his groundbreaking role of Hikaru Sulu on a certain epic starship and its multi-ethnic crew, Takei is one of the most visible Asian-American actors of all time, inspiring generations of fans. Following his Star Trek run, George's baritone voice later earned him work in animated series like The Simpsons, Futurama, and The Super Hero Squad Show. These days, from signings at New York City's Midtown Comics to ComiCon!, George's husband, business manager, and co-pilot, Brad, excels at keeping George (and his hordes of fans) organized. But Takei's true legacy may be his off-screen advocacy. When Takei was just a boy, his family was uprooted from their home in Los Angeles and forced into Japanese Internment as part of the mid-20th century U.S. government efforts to subjugate Japanese American citizens based solely on their ethnic heritage. A true elder statesman with a wry sense of humor, his awesome Facebook presence--initiated to help promote his Broadway-bound musical Allegiance, inspired by his life in the Japanese Internment--provides a daily dose of wisdom and wit. At a time when alarming rhetoric about Islamic and Latino Americans dominates the landscape, there is perhaps no better spokesperson for the historical legacy of fear and xenophobia in the U.S. than George Takei. George, and husband Brad, have also been unflappable spokespeople for LGBTQ rights. The film features unparalleled behind-the-scenes intimacy with the dynamic duo George and Brad, as well as interviews with famous friends from William Shatner to Howard Stern. The ultimate result is the ultimate examination of the vastness of what it means To Be Takei.

**3 pm:**

### **I Am Divine**

Packed with great interviews and clips, this dynamic, fun and often poignant portrait of the legendary Divine brings to life a complex understanding of John Waters's favored muse. I Am Divine is the story of Divine, aka Harris Glenn Milstead, from his humble beginnings as an overweight, teased Baltimore youth to internationally recognized drag superstar through his collaboration with filmmaker John Waters. Spitting in the face of the status quos of body image, gender identity, sexuality, and preconceived notions of beauty, Divine was the ultimate outsider turned underground royalty. With a completely committed in-your-face style, he blurred the line between performer and personality, and revolutionized pop culture. I Am Divine is a definitive biographical portrait that charts the legendary icon's emotional complexities and rise to infamy.

**6 pm:**

### **Lady Valor: The Kristin Beck Story**

In Lady Valor: The Kristin Beck Story, former U.S. Navy SEAL Christopher Beck embarks on a new mission as Kristin Beck. Kristin's journey in search of the American ideals that she protected has a whole new meaning as she lives her life truthfully as a transgender woman. Official Selection: Hot Docs Film Festival & SXSW

