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Wallace and Gromit Face the Were-Rabbit at the Reston Community Center

On January 28 at 7:30 p.m., CenterStage continues the Independent and International film series with *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, a subtly touching and wonderfully eccentric adventure featuring the cheese-loving Wallace and his ever-faithful dog Gromit in their first full-length feature film.

As the annual Giant Vegetable Competition approaches, Wallace and Gromit have been cashing in with their pest-control outfit, Anti-Pesto, which humanely dispatches the rabbits that try to invade the sacred gardens. When a huge, mysterious, veg-ravaging beast begins terrorizing the neighborhood and attacking the town's prized plots, can Anti-Pesto catch the creature and save the day? The duo has competition in the form of contest supervisor Lady Tottington's snobby suitor, Victor Quartermaine, who'd rather shoot the beast and secure the position of local hero. With the fate of the competition in the balance, Lady Tottington is eventually forced to allow Victor to hunt down the vegetable chomping marauder. Little does she know that Victor's real intent could have dire consequences for her...and our two heroes.

Nick Park (*Chicken Run*), the original creator of Wallace & Gromit, and Steve Box direct *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit* from a screenplay by Bob Baker, Mark Burton, Steve Box and Nick Park. Peter Sallis, who has voiced the role of Wallace in all of the award-winning shorts, reprises his role in the feature film. Two-time Academy Award® nominee Ralph Fiennes (*The English Patient*, *Schindler's List*) and Academy Award® nominee Helena Bonham Carter (*The Wings of the Dove*) and are the voices of Victor and Lady Tottington, respectively.

The remaining films in the Independent and International Film Series are: February 11, *The Return*; March 11, *Duma*; and May 20, *Junebug*.

All films are suitable for ages 18 and older; *Wallace and Gromit* and *Duma* are appropriate for younger audiences as well. Tickets for the Independent Film Series are free, but limited to four per person and must be picked up in person at the Customer Service Desk or the CenterStage Box Office at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods location from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day at the Reston Community Center Information and Service Desk. Box Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and two hours prior to curtain times. For season telephone orders, brochures, directions or more information call 703-476-4500, and press option 3. The

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