

**Third Friday Film: *Taking Sides* (2001)**

**Friday, July 19 at 6:30 pm in the Bloom Room**

A film based on the life of Wilhelm Furtwangler (Stellan Skarsgård), the controversial conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic whose tenure coincided with the controversial Nazi era. One of the most spectacular and renowned conductors of the 1930s, Furtwangler's reputation rivalled that of Toscanini. After the war, as part of the Allies' de-Nazification program, an American major (Harvey Keitel) is given the Furtwangler file, and is told to find everything he can and to prosecute the Furtwangler ruthlessly. Tough and hard-nosed, Major Arnold sets out to investigate a world of which he knows nothing. However, as Arnold presses forward, his assumptions about Furtwangler don't necessarily hold up. A discussion will follow the showing of the film.

*Hosted by Victoria and Joe Stefani.*