

Third Friday Film: *The Mill and the Cross* (2011)

Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm in the Bloom Room

The Mill and the Cross is a 2011 Polish drama directed by Lech Majewski and starring Rutger Hauer, Charlotte Rampling and Michael York. It is inspired by Pieter Bruegel the Elder's 1564 painting *The Procession to Calvary*, and based on Michael Francis Gibson's book *The Mill and the Cross*. The film focuses on a dozen of the 500 characters depicted in Bruegel's painting. It consists of a series of vignettes depicting everyday peasant life, interspersed with monologues from some of the principal characters, including Bruegel explaining the structure and symbolism of his painting. The theme of Christ's suffering is set against religious persecution in Flanders in 1564. "Here is a film of great beauty and attention, and watching it is a form of meditation." —Roger Ebert

Presented by Victoria and Joe Stefani.