Medieval Studies Movie Series:

Religious Lives

Anchoress (1993)
Wednesday, September 19  7.30pm       Woodburn Hall 120

Enter the medieval world of Christine Carpenter, a visionary girl who is to become an Anchoress (walled-in recluse) so that she can “live in the Virgin’s house forever.” Based on actual letters that were written about such an Anchoress in 1325, the film follows Christine as she awakens to her own sensuality and explores her own female, earth-based spirituality.

Brother Sun, Sister Moon (1972)
Wednesday, October 17  7.30pm       Woodburn Hall 101

This classic, aesthetically stunning movie directed by Franco Zeffirelli is a dramatization of events in the life of St. Francis of Assisi from before his conversion experience through his audience with the pope, including his friendship with St. Clare.

Ostrov (The Island) (2006)
Wednesday, November 14  7.30pm       Woodburn Hall 101

Somewhere in Northern Russia in a small Russian Orthodox monastery lives a very unusual man. His fellow-monks are confused by his bizarre conduct. Those who visit the island believe that the man has the power to heal, exorcise demons and foretell the future. However, he considers himself unworthy because of a sin he committed in his youth. The film is a parable, combining the realities of Russian everyday life with monastic ritual and routine.

Movies are open to all, and the Medieval Studies Institute will provide pizza, soda, and snacks.