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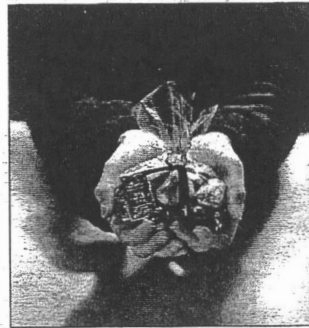
New movies about relationships are headed to Portland screens, just in time for Valentine's Day.

■ The Portland International Film Festival offers five excellent choices Saturday. **"Perhaps Love,"** (12:45 and 4 p.m., Broadway Metroplex, 1000 S.W. Broadway) is an Oscar-nominated Hong Kong musical that tells of lost love, passion and a disastrous love triangle.

■ The comic Czech drama **"Beauty in Trouble"** (3:15 and 8 p.m., Broadway Metroplex) introduces us to Marcela, who must choose between her undeserving husband and a foreigner who offers security for her and her two children.

■ **"Summer '04"** (5:45 p.m., Broadway Metroplex) follows a 40-year-old mother as she delves into family relationships, her longing for love, and unrestrained jealousy.

■ **"Hear and Now"** (6:30 p.m., Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park Ave.), directed by Portland's Irene Taylor Brodsky, introduces audiences to a 65-year-old deaf couple, who undergo cochlear surgery and for the first time can hear concerts and each other, and must deal with separation from deaf friends.



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You can satisfy a sweet tooth at Verdun Chocolates.

■ The Korean film **"Woman on the Beach"** (9:15 p.m., Broadway Metroplex) deals with a macho screenwriter and efforts by two women rivals to bend his will to theirs.

■ For a bite or full meal afterward, you might try the elegant **Driftwood Room** or **Gracie's**, both at Hotel deLuxe (729 S.W. 15th Ave.). The Hollywood-esque lobby has movie-star albums and sweeping wall-size photographs of past stars. If you'd like to stay the night, the hotel has a film-festival special Friday through Feb. 24 and a Valentine's special Feb. 14 through 17 (www.hoteldeluxeportland.com, 503-219-2094).

■ Or for just a nibble of sweetness, stop by **Verdun Chocolates** (421 N.W. 10th Ave.), which offers imported delights for the eyes and taste buds.

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