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## **Coming of Age Tales Spotlights on *Reel 13* In November on THIRTEEN**

*Cultural icon of teenage disillusionment James Dean featured  
this month in two of his major roles*

Coming of age stories are presented among November's **Reel 13** offerings. These themes are explored in both **Reel13 Classic** and **Reel13 Indie** films this month.

From his ascent to the throne as a young child, imprisonment and political rehabilitation, the life of China's last emperor is detailed in *The Last Emperor* on November 9. Then, often cited as the ultimate tale of teenage rebellion, legendary actor James Dean stars as Jim Stark in *Rebel Without A Cause* on November 16. On November 23, *Diggers* depicts the lives of four working-class friends growing up on Long Island.

Later in the month, Dean also appears in the final film of his tragically short career, *Giant*, on **Reel 13 Classics** on November 23. Dean appeared alongside Elizabeth Taylor and Rock Hudson, in an impressive age-spanning role, after his his back-to-back roles as a troubled teen in *Rebel* and *East of Eden*.

Every Saturday night beginning at 9 p.m., viewers can catch a **Classic** hosted by film historian **Neal Gabler**, followed by an **Indie**, hosted by **Richard Peña**. The evening concludes with a **Short** selected by visitors to [Reel13.org](http://Reel13.org) who vote for their favorite of three shorts every week.

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**“Hawaii”** (1966) Dir: George Roy Hill

A New England missionary (Max von Sydow) and his bride (Julie Andrews) bring Christianity to 1820s Hawaii. With Richard Harris and Gene Hackman.

**“Between Notes”** (2010) Dir: Christopher Grissom

A depressed musician develops a unique relationship with a girl who changes his perspective on life. With David Ramirez, Brandi Price and Summer Ames.

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**“The Last Emperor”** (1987) Dir: Bernardo Bertolucci

The story of Pu Yi, the last emperor of China. With John Lone, Joan Chen and Peter O'Toole.

**“Broken English”** (2007) Dir: Zoe R. Cassavetes

After a series of disastrous dates, a woman who is alone, with a dead-end job and an overbearing mother, meets a quirky Frenchman, who changes her outlook on life. With Parker Posey, Melvil Poupaud, Gena Rowlands, Drea de Matteo and Justin Theroux.

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**“Rebel Without a Cause”** (1955) Dir: Nicholas Ray

A troubled and rebellious teenager moves to a new suburban town where he finds friends and enemies. With James Dean, Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo.

**“The Great Buck Howard”** (2008) Dir: Sean McGinly

John Malkovich as a washed-up mentalist poised to make a comeback, with assistant Colin Hanks and publicist Emily Blunt. Also with Tom Hanks and Steve Zahn.

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**“Giant”** (1956) Dir: George Stevens

Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, and James Dean star in this film based on Edna Ferber’s novel about Texas ranch life during the oil boom.

**“Diggers”** (2006) Dir: Katherine Dieckmann

The coming of age tale of friends growing up on Long Island as clam diggers. With Paul Rudd, Ken Marino, Maura Tierney, Sarah Paulson and Lauren Ambrose

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