

# CULTURE SHOCK



## AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

MERYL STREEP TO BE HONORED AT THE COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE. BY RACHEL BOWIE

MERYL STREEP KNOWS A GOOD ROLE WHEN SHE SEES ONE. YOU COULD SAY she's an expert at selecting the right part, and her awards prove it: two Oscars and five Golden Globes. And this spring, the Coolidge Corner Theatre—one of the most successful independent movie houses in the world—honors her with a Coolidge Award for Best English Language Actress. Streep is the third recipient of the award (along with Zhang Yimou and Vittorio Storaro), which goes to an actor whose work "advances the spirit of original and challenging cinema." "I understand it's very prestigious!" says Streep of the award. "I'm very proud to be honored in such great company."

With a career spanning more than three decades, Streep's roles in films such as *Kramer vs. Kramer*, *Sophie's Choice*, and *Adaptation* have earned her a

record 13 Oscar nominations—the most of any actress. Her next role is in *The Devil Wears Prada* playing Miranda Priestly, a powerful magazine editrix.

The Coolidge event kicks off with a screening of Streep's latest film, *A Prairie Home Companion*. Director Robert Altman will be in town April 5 to attend a special preview of the film, which opens in June. On April 6, screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, actor Chris Cooper, and author Susan Orlean will join Streep for a discussion of *Adaptation*. Additionally, the Coolidge Corner Theatre will screen selected Streep films in the month before the celebration. "I guess they have a whole month to get sick of me in Boston," says Streep with a laugh. Not likely. ♦ *Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard Street, Brookline, 617-734-2500.*