

DEPARTMENT OF GERMAN STUDIES

FALL 2008 FILM SERIES

190 Hope Street, Room 203

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

7:00 pm

Free Admission

The Lives of Others (2006)

Nominated for a Best Foreign Language Film Oscar, *The Lives of Others* depicts the horrifying, sometimes unintentionally funny system of observation in the former East Germany. In the early 1980s, the successful dramatist Georg Dreyman (Sebastian Koch) and his longtime companion Christa-Maria Sieland (Martina Gedeck, *Mostly Martha*), a popular actress, are big intellectual stars in the socialist state, although they secretly don't always think loyal to the party line. One day, the Minister of Culture becomes interested in Christa, so the secret service agent Gerd Wiesler (Ulrich Mühe) is instructed to observe and sound out the couple, but their life fascinates him more and more.

Thriller/Drama. German with English subtitles

