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THE PHOENIX IS BACK



Stop press: Yes folks, the Phoenix returns with its new 2021/22 programme. Screenings begin on Wednesday October 13th at 8 p.m.



in the Union Films Cinema. See page 2 for our Autumn term films.

Here is our draft programme for the Autumn term

13 Oct NOMADLAND Dir: Chloé Zhao USA 2020 107 mins 12A Lang: Eng
Frances McDormand plays a widow taking to itinerant van life after a mine closure deprives her of a livelihood. A must-see, multi-award-laden film.

20 Oct LA BELLE ÉPOQUE Dir: Nicolas Bedos France 2019 115 mins 15 Lang: Fr
Daniel Auteuil's marriage to Marianne (Fanny Ardant) is on the rocks, so given the chance to revisit the historical era of his choice, he chooses the memorable week of 40 years ago when they first met. A witty, sexy and original rom-com.

27 Oct THE FATHER Dir: Florian Zeller UK/Fr 2020 97 mins 12A Lang: Eng
Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman star in this powerful study of memory loss in old age. Hopkins's performance (best actor Oscar) is unforgettably stunning.

3 Nov THE DIG Dir: Simon Stone UK 2021 112 mins 12A
Lang: Eng

A nostalgic evocation of the 1938 Sutton Hoo archaeological excavation and the restrained human passions it generates in Carey Mulligan and Ralph Fiennes.

10 Nov PORTRAIT OF A LADY ON FIRE Dir: Céline Sciamma France 2019
122 mins 15 Lang: Fr/It

A gorgeous slow-burn romance which won best screenplay at Cannes. Set on a Brittany island at the end of the 18th century, a female painter is obliged to paint a wedding portrait.

17 Nov ROCKS Dir: Sarah Gavron UK 2019 93 mins 12A Lang: Eng

The heart-breaking but life-affirming story of 15 year-old Shola, who seeks to avoid being taken into care by fending for herself and her younger brother. Vibrant, gritty but optimistic.

24 Nov AMMONITE Dir: Francis Lee UK 2020 120 mins 15
Lang: Eng

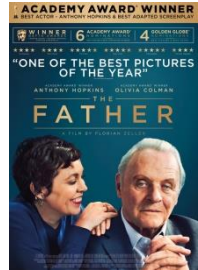
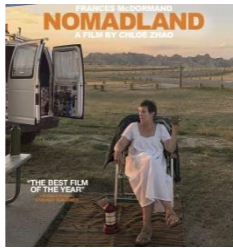
Fossil hunter Mary Anning (Kate Winslet) and a young woman sent to convalesce by the sea (Saoirse Ronan) find forbidden love in 1840s Lyme Regis.

1 Dec MR JONES Dir: Agnieszka Holland

Poland/UK 2019 141 mins 15 Lang: Eng/Ukr/Rus
James Norton plays the Welsh journalist who uncovered Stalin's genocidal famine in Ukraine in the 1930s. A sweepingly bold, heart-felt film to mark Human Rights Day (10 Dec).

8 Dec THE FAREWELL Dir: Lulu Wang USA 2019 98 mins 12A
Lang: Eng/Mand

A Chinese family discovers their grandmother has only a short while left to live and decides to schedule a swift wedding. A human feel-good movie for Christmas.



We are really excited that we have the **green** light to restart Phoenix screenings from Wednesday October 13th, and Early Bird Membership applications are now available.

Our **2021/22 Early Bird rate is still only £70**, but 2019/20 Full Members will benefit from a discount of £20 off this price. 2019/20 Associate Members who wish to move up to becoming a Full Member for 2021/22 will benefit from a £10 discount. These discounts are to make up for the films we were unable to screen in the Spring of 2020 when COVID-19 curtailed our Spring and Summer seasons.

Hopefully, by now, all 2019/20 Full Members will have received in the post a Membership application form, and also imminently, all 2019/20 Members (Full + Associates) will receive a MailChimp email from us with this link www.thephoenix.org.uk/eb21.pdf to the application form.

So, 2019/20 Full Members can use the application form received in the post to apply for your yearly Membership at the specially discounted rate of £50.

So, 2019/20 Associate Members should use the special online link www.thephoenix.org.uk/eb21.pdf to apply to upgrade to Full Membership at the specially discounted rate of £60.

New applicants, including anyone who was a Member before 2019-20, should use the same link and Membership will then cost £70.

Please send in your application by **September 13th**, and note that these Early Bird offers will expire later in September and the cost for Membership thereafter will be more than £70!

We promised we would ensure Members did not lose out when we had to curtail our programme in March 2020, and the discounts now on offer generously reflect that promise. As you will have seen above, we have our new Autumn term draft programme already booked. We are presently working on our programme of films for the Spring and Summer terms, and we plan to publish that programme later in the Autumn. There has been something of a hiatus in film releases over the past year, leading to a backlog of new titles yet to appear; furthermore we would like to ask for audience suggestions as we usually do so start getting those ready. However, as a taste of things to come, in addition to the films you missed when we had to cut short our 2019-20 programme, some of the titles we are considering include **Another Round, Mank, Sorry We Missed You, The Perfect Candidate, Parasite, The County, Les Misérables, Roma, Qi Qui (Balloon)** and **Martin Eden**.

With regards to the UF Cinema, please be assured that our use of it is based on the University of Southampton and SUSU's commitment to the safety of all involved in our (and UF's) screenings. We believe that the arrangements the UoS, SUSU, and UF have put in place will make our return **SAFE for everyone**. The Cinema is one of the best ventilated indoor spaces on campus, and is apparently a flagbearer for the UoS for its airflow capabilities. The venue will be cleaned before every screening. We will offer some socially distanced seating for those who wish to make use of it. Masking up will be strongly encouraged (though not mandatory), and we will ensure that all **University COVID-19 procedures** are followed.

Please note that our return is subject to any changes in the COVID-19 situation, as advised by the UoS and HMG. If anything changes in our programme, we will let you know as soon as we possibly can, and we wish to assure you that if there is any resurgence of the COVID-19 situation that prevents delivery of our programme, then, as reflected in the present early bird pricing offer, we will make sure that members do not lose out financially.

Finally, if you have any questions at all about our return, please do not hesitate to contact us on enquiries@thephoenix.org.uk

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