

SPRING 2024 WORLD FILM PROGRAMME



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17 Jan 2024

THE OLD OAK

Dir: Ken Loach • UK/Fr/Bel • 2023 • 113 min • Lang: Eng



With screenwriter Paul Laverty, Loach gives us his last(?) film, a drama set in a former mining community whose pub, the last community meeting place, becomes the focus of tension when Syrian refugees arrive. Inspiring and disquieting in equal measure.



24 Jan 2024

NO BEARS

Dir: Jafar Panahi • Iran • 2022 • 106 mins • Lang: Pers etc



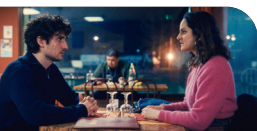
Forbidden to direct films or leave the country, Jafar Panahi watches over his film being made just over the border from a village whose inhabitants are frightened of both his camera and bears roaming the countryside. The film within a film motif highlights the problems for cinema of political censorship – Panahi having since been imprisoned. Holocaust Memorial Day is 27 January.



31 Jan 2024

THE INNOCENT

Dir: Louis Garrel • France • 2022 • 99 mins • Lang: Fr



Great fun to be had from this genre-bending mix of comedy-drama, thriller and rom-com as Abel tries to find out the truth about the ex-con his mother has fallen in love with. So delightfully witty and French.



7 Feb 2024

PAST LIVES

Dir: Celine Song • US/S. Kor • 2023 • 105 mins • Lang: Gae



In this subtle and achingly lovely musing on what might have been, a married Korean New Yorker reconnects with her childhood sweetheart in Seoul.

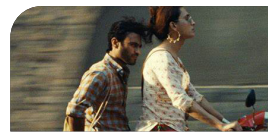


14 Feb 2024

JOYLAND

Dirs: Saim Sadiq • Pakistan • 2022 • 126 mins Lang: • Pun, Urd

Tensions arise in a strict Pakistani family as Haider is drawn to the transgender dancer Biba in this groundbreaking, tender drama.



21 Feb 2024

ON THE ADAMANT

Dir: Nicolas Philibert • France • 2023 • 109 mins • Lang: Fr

This Berlin festival Golden Bear winner explores the work of the floating psychiatric centre on the Seine in Paris, stimulating the art and soul of its patients. Expect warmth and sympathy aplenty in this profoundly affecting documentary from the maker of *Être et Avoir*.



28 Feb 2024

ANATOMY OF A FALL

Dir: Justine Triet • France • 2023 • 150 mins • Lang: Fr

A riveting blend of courtroom procedural and forensic marital post-mortem concerning a writer and mother on trial for the murder of her husband. This year's Palme D'Or winner is a bracing, chilling psycho-thriller that is invigoratingly thought provoking.



6 Mar 2024

GODLAND

Dir: Hlynur Pálmason • Iceland • 2022 • 143 mins
Lang: Dan, Ice

A Danish priest battling locals and Iceland's forbidding landscape tries to establish a parish in the frozen wilds. Set in the 19C when Iceland struggled for greater independence from Denmark. The photography is magnificent.



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FALLEN LEAVES

Dir: Aki Kaurismäki • Finland • 2023 • 81 mins • Lang: Fin



Typical Kauriamki deadpan tragi-comic magic as two lonely people who meet each other by chance in the Helsinki night try to find the first love of their lives.



20 Mar 2024

OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN

Dir: Rebecca Zlotowski • France • 2022 • 103 mins • Lang: Fr



Virgine Efira plays a teacher in her late 30s entering a passionate relationship with a divorced man where the success of their relationship depends on his forming a bond with her five year-old daughter. A sweet, tender film about lost chances and last chances.



Summer 2024

17 Apr 2024

THE TASTE OF THINGS

Dir: Anh Hung Tran • France • 202 • 145 mins • Lang: Fr



Benoît Magimel and Juliette Binoche play a passionate wealthy gourmet and his cook, utterly devoted to food, and to each other. Poetic 'foodie' delight within a love story that won Cannes 2023 Best Director prize.



24 Apr 2024

NAME ME LAWAND

Dir: Edward Lovelace • UK • 2022 • 91 mins • Lang: Kur, SL, Eng



A young, deaf Iraqi Kurd immigrant learns to communicate in sign language in the UK, while he and his family are threatened with deportation. A heartfelt, inspiring documentary that captures the memories and sounds of Lewand's fractured experience.



1 May 2024

RETURN TO SEOUL

Dir: Davy Chou • South Korea/Fr • 2022 • 116 mins • Lang: Fr, Kor

Headstrong artist Park Ji-Min visits South Korea, where she was born before being adopted and raised in France, with a mission to find her roots. The film's emotional apex is very moving.



Audience Choice

8 May 2024

You get to choose the film! Vote to be held toward the end of the Spring term.

15 May 2024

CLOSE

Dir: Lukas Dhont • Belgium/NL • 2022 • 105 mins • Lang: Dut, Fr, Fle

A loving friendship between two young boys is irrevocably broken in this heart-breaking bullying and coming-of-age drama. Winner of the Cannes 2022 Grand Jury Prize.

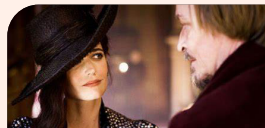


22 May 2024

THE THREE MUSKETEERS: MILADY

Dir: Martin Bourboulon • France • 2023 • 115 mins • Lang: Fr

D'Artagnan joins forces with Milady but as war is declared, and Athos, Porthos and Aramis head to the front, a secret from the past shatters old alliances. Sequel to this autumn's historical epic.



29 May 2024

LOVE ACCORDING TO DALVA

Dir: Emmanuelle Nicot • France/Bel • 2022 • 87 min • Lang: Fr

This magnetic and moving film depicts a precocious teenager taken into care who learns to be a child again on realising her relationship with her father was not what she had thought.

