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28 Aug–14 Sept 2025

Screenings are at **The Muse, 269 Portobello Road, W11 1LR** except 28th Aug at **Gate Picturehouse, 87 Notting Hill Gate, W11 3JZ**
FILMS SHOWN IN ORDER LISTED
Programme subject to change

Welcome to 30th Annual FREE Portobello Film & Art Festival. Entry to all events is free and submission for all films is free.

Portobello Film Festival celebrates 30 years of free films with a special screening of For No Good Reason, a film that explores the connection between life and art through the eyes of Ralph Steadman, whose Retrospective Exhibition takes place at The Muse till 21 September. The documentary charts the large-scale disintegration of a demoralised youth culture that followed the legendary 60s and 70s, setting the tone for the festival's origin story.

Since long before Hugh Grant and selfie sticks, Notting Hill has been at the heart of British counterculture, attracting generations of poets and writers, musicians and artists who populated the area's squats and made music happen at every corner. Inspired by the area's free music scene, a group of filmmakers and writers got together in 1996 to start a film festival that didn't charge filmmakers for showing or movie lovers for attending. For the first couple of years, Portobello Film Festival took place in a tent at Athlone Gardens, an open space at the Northern end of Portobello Road that has since been lost to redevelopment. In those days, many festivals were community-driven and politically charged.

From the early 00s Portobello Film Festival was hosted across a diverse range of bars, cafes, cinemas and nightclubs from Westbourne Studios, to the Pop Up Cinema under the Westway, to Maxilla Social Club. With free submissions and a commitment to screen all entries, the programming ranges from short films shot on handheld camcorders to sleek productions, with filmmakers invited to introduce their work.

The recently restored Nightshift by the late Robina Rose captures the punk spirit that inspired Portobello Film Festival and is the second feature film to complement this year's programme of 250 new films, many short, from across the UK and all over the world, all shown at The Muse 269 Portobello Road every night from 29 August–14 September. The Muse Gallery and Charity has supported the Festival for many years now in it's role as Portobello's independent arts council supporting up and coming artists. Meike Brunkhorst

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Thursday 28 August 8pm ENTRY FREE at The Gate Picturehouse

30th Portobello Film Festival Opening Night @ The Gate

For No Good Reason (Charlie Paul) PG 80 mins
The world of Ralph Steadman with Johnny Depp and Terry Gilliam



Friday 29 August 6pm–10:30pm Portobello Filmmaker

A Celebration Of Robina Rose including **Nightshift** with Jordan Mooney plus a rare screening of **Ulysses** by James Joyce, directed by Joseph Strick.

Saturday 30 August 6pm–10:30pm World Cinema 1

Bottles Yassine El Idrissi 18m U. Collecting empty bottles and selling them, Said wants to buy food for a dog he is hiding... Drama, Morocco
The Harvest Tamara Štofková 23m 12A. Žofa's perfect life shatters – one secret changes everything. Drama, LGBTQ, Slovakia
Poperratic: Zero Hero Jammes Luckett 4m 12. Indie music video by the solo artist behind Poperratic. Music video / animation, USA
Light Journey Jeremy Newman 3m U. A space traveler visits earth - told through light and shadow. Experimental, USA
Nightfaces Martin Winter & Stefan Langthaler 23m 15. A taxi driver and a homeless woman on an unexpected journey. Drama, Austria
Goodbye My Dove Felix Bach. 25m 12. Loc and Tien flee the evacuated area to return to Hanoi. Drama / Fiction, Belgium
Lagom Svensk (Just Right) Jamil Wali 18m 12A. A Syrian guy re-enacts a verbal attack and gets caught in a fight. Drama, Sweden
Glitter Kiss Augusté Genkai 19m 12A. Rolandas reluctantly takes beaten drag queen to the hospital... Lithuania
The Sanctity of Faith Stacey Stone 6m 12.
The recent California fires set to original music. Documentary
Art Stacey Stone 12m U. A true story about Art, a Laotian American lost in the bleak life of shelterless living. Documentary Short, USA
Juliette's Miracle on St. Nick Antward Pearman Magical 20m 12. One last night of youth granted by a magical cat. Drama, USA
Citroen Bastiaan Rook (mockumentary) 19m 12A. Jonah tries to escape his role as cult leader, no matter what. Dark comedy, Netherlands
Rekindle Ata Mojabi 11m 12. A lonely woman in her forties seems unprepared to confront her lingering emotions. Fiction Drama, Belarus
Improvisa Maria Alves Tobias 20m 15. A young couple unexpectedly find their relationship put to the test. Drama Brazil
O palhaço que há em nós (The clown within us) Eduardo Robalo 18m U. The reality hidden in a clown's smile. Drama, Portugal
Superdupermegagigasingle 28m 15. Vebjørn crashes into the ski tourist, Polina, ruining her holiday... Norway

Sunday 31 August 6pm–10:30pm London Local Films 1

Zhane's Dreamland Deluxe Stuart J. Parkins 14m 12A. Zhane's innermost emotions are laid bare. Experimental drama, London
Hands and Kisses Khaled Moelt 8m 12A. A wife is haunted by repulsiveness towards her husband. Drama, Scotland
Glad You Came Claire Leach 5m 12. Two girls are trying to make better life when a mysterious stranger appears. Drama, Suspense, UK
Constance Caoimhe Whiteblood 14m 12A. A woman thinks she's finally found a normal roommate - but how can you tell... Thriller, London
Greensleeves inc. Guy Taylor 11m 12. Eco-influencer launches 'green' brand, but met with reality of the corporate machine. Comedy, UK
Where's Molly Ella Cannon & Liv Carleton 8m 12A. Cleo and Minty set out for the night meeting Charlie and then Molly. Comedy,
The Postman Gavin Irvine 2m U. A Postman delivers to the wrong address and discovers a Chopper bike! Comedy, UK
Curious Frequencies Howard Walmsley 40m 12A. Collective experience of rave culture while listening to 808 State. Documentary, UK
Taize 'Wicked Game' Taize Harrison / Al Ronald 4m U. Wicked Game (Cover) by Chris Isaak performed by Taize Harrison. Music Video



The Alias & More To Life Mark Jay 7m 12A. Music videos created in 2003/4 for West London / Ladbroke Grove based UK Hip Hop artists Border Crossing. Filmed in and featuring members of the All Stars Boxing Gym Harrow Road. Music Video, London
The Music Market Chad Lelong 11m U. A journey down Portobello Road, documenting places of musical interest. Doc, London
'Square One' Akash Prasad 9m 12. Two friends find themselves at a stalemate, one must decide to make a change. Drama, London
From Mother, With Love Gabi Wood 9m 15. A daughter finds out who her mother really is, with hilarious results. Comedy, London
Don't Call Us We'll You Siana Cooper, Dominic rogan 18m 15. Two candidates - a tumultous turn of events... Dark comedy, London
Outlier Caspian Curtis, Tolly Chichester, and Felix Webber 16m 12. An artist whose unique theory on the structure of DNA has driven him to lead a solitary life in The Outer Hebrides. Short Doc, London
Tristan V Chrstann Mark Forbes 90m 15.A fashion maker/filmmaker's battle with oppression, corona pandemic... Art Doc, London

Monday 1 September 6pm–10:30pm Films From Iran

Nabi Hamed Golshahi 20m U. A migrant worker is fired as a janitor after 25 years and must fulfill his duties for the last day... Drama, Iran
Thirteen Double Eight Saber Allahdadian 12m 12. A lost boy offers his father's card PIN as the price of friendship: Drama
The Paper Children Mostafa Keshavarz 14m 12. Nosrat has been living in the park's security booth with his troubled son. Drama, Iran
47:10:00 Serna Amini 15m U. Hossein is forced to make an unthinkable decision: sell his son to afford his wife's surgery. Drama, Iran
Death is Dreaming Afshin Soufian 20m U. Villagers force Rana into marriage hoping it will end the drought. Drama, Iran
The Rope Saba Javar 17m 12. A man and his mother are bound by an uncut umbilical cord, limiting their lives... Animation, London (Iran)
In Touch Marsha Swanson / Sam Chegini 4m 12. Follows a seed's transformation, leading to the cosmic tree of life... Animation/Music, Iran
Blur Sahra Asadollahi 16m 12. A grieving woman borrows the child her sister nannies - deceiving her husband. Drama/Short, Iran
Like A Secret Saeed Zamanian 20m 12A. A girl, suffers trauma due to a bitter family incident and her mother's neglect. Drama, Iran
Aftershock Simin Mohit 19m 12A. Shirin is struggling with her weight as her engagement ceremony approaches... Drama, Iran
Colonel's Song Sajad Mostshag 15m 12A. A musician soldier plans to escape the military base with help from his lover... Drama, Iran
Dog Alireza Hashemi Moghadam, Behzad Aghajani 11m 12A. A stray dog exterminator accidentally injures a cat. Drama, Iran
6am Mehran Modiri 88m 12A. She is going to leave for Canada. Her family act as if they have been already missing her... Social Issues, Iran

Tuesday 2 September 6pm–10:30pm World Documentaries 1

Rice (Chaaawal) Tameed Elahi Khan 73m U. The staggering waste of tons of rice in India due to a widely practiced ritual. Doc, India
Omega Wants To Dance Ramon Tort 92m 12A. Multiple dimensions of dancing are explored: fun, catharsis, seduction, ritual, personal growth and one of the primordial forms of expression. Spain
Ruchare Ismael Azeleira 61m U. Making an album with the people from two generations previous from whom he learned the songs. Spain
Dancing On Steel Lynnessa Parks 20m U. Intertwining steelpan with traditional folk dance. Music Doc, Trinidad and Tobago
Maria Aleksandra Stanojevic, Mina Nikolic, Dimitrije Ignjatovic 14m U. The day at the Nikolje Monastery did not go as we expected. Doc, Serbia
Bonsai David Fedele 10m U. A gentle, poetic film about a man who has found contentment in his solitude and his garden. Australia

Wednesday 3 September 6pm–10:30pm German & Austrian Films

Jenseits der Fassade Eyup Kus 5m U. A commentary on the climate crisis and the fluidity of existence. Experimental
Tacet Nonoka Matsuo / Tomi Katz 11m 12. As an immigrant, navigating public procedures becomes an encounter with a faceless, immovable force. The frustration grows. Experimental, Germany
Nachts, wenn die Hunde bellen Lena Imboden 28m 12. Jakov's loving relationship with daughter is put to the test when he is laid off. Fiction, Based on a true story, Austria
Mein Papa fährt Ferarri Philip Ivancsics 8m 12. Ashamed of his dad's age Nico goes to Luisa's birthday and finds himself in a precarious situation with surprising consequences. Fiction
B203 Manuel Rodriguez 13m 12. Sebastian and his adoptive father Richard reevaluate their relationship when going to visit his biological father. Fiction, drama, coming-of-age, Germany
Die Sänger (The Singers) Fabian Rausch & Zorah Berghammer 17m 12. A family from the city stumbles into a countryside inn. Based on a narrative by Ivan Turgenev. Austria
PHASE 4 Rosanna Stark & Sabine Hodi 17m 12A. Florentina tries to get her love life back on track with a romantic weekend... Comedy, Austria
Ineinanderfallen Vivian Bausch 6m 12. Ernstl has to keep functioning after his secret lover dies and is confronted by the widow about their hidden affair. Fiction, Austria
Betongeflüster Jannis Lenz 13m 12. Through a medieval saga and surrealist game played within a chat group. Doc, Experimental
Kingdom of Animals (Reich der Tiere) Thadeusz Tischbein 16 m 12. A journey to Germany's largest National monuments, some of the heaviest chunks in the nation's digestive tract. Art/Experimental, Germany
Moskitos Susana Ojeda 16m 12A. A manifesto of an archaeology of a Civilisation that failed. Moskitos though, survived! Hybrid, fiction, doc
Söder Raoul Bruck 27m 12A. Kerstin hires a hitman on the dark net to get rid of her useless husband... Fiction
Night of Passage Reza Rasouli 20m 12A. Three friends from Tehran are dropped off by their smuggler. They must spend the night in the Slovakian forest, until the next truck picks them up. Fiction
Nine Days In August Ella Knorz 17m 15. 18-year-old Lea has to deal with an abortion during her summer holidays. Drama, Germany
Between the Lines Niklas Pollmann 20m 15. Two young people arrive together at the subway station, their acquaintance is still too fragile to know how they will spend the rest of the night. Drama, Germany
Skin on Skin Simon Schneckenburger 30m 18. Two men displaced in the hell of the German meat industry. Something lies between them. Something makes them dream again. Drama, Germany

Thursday 4 September 6pm–9pm Ralph Steadman Art Show Grand Opening

Private View (open to all) **Ralph Steadman Once Upon A Line Retrospective** exhibition of work by one of UK's greatest living artists at The Muse, 6pm-9pm.
Show continues until 21st September.

Friday 5 September 6pm–10:30pm Local London Films 2

Spotlight Women in Construction Sharon Woodward 4m U. Project Management an area where women are still underrepresented, but things are beginning to change. Doc, UK
Ya Get Me Wayne Louis - (AKA. 'Zippy') U. A short film made with members of the Avenues Youth Project W10. London Local
This is not a performance Mary Feliciano 9m U. A political act disguised as a performance. Dance Short, London
John F Kennedy An American Visionary Joshua Buyukilimaz 9m 12. The 60th anniversary of the assassination of the most popular president in American history. Short Doc History, London
Waltz & All JF Whitney 13m 12A. Footage and photos made by members of the JF Whitney audience in Paris, Music, London
In The Shadow Emma Lyndon-Stanford 18m 12A/15. Paris, 1935, Édith Piaf meets former child prodigy Marguerite Monnot. Drama
Breath Of Another Sheridan Seraphin 13m 12A. A man with low self esteem finds love... Psychological drama, London
Half Man, Half Sweetcorn Molly Brown 2m 12. Mock trailer for a non-existent 1950s sci-fi film. Animation, Comedy, Sci-Fi UK
Vambi: Vampire Zombie Molly Brown 5m 15. Mock trailer for a non-existent 1970s horror film. Animation, Comedy, Horror UK

Into Zephyr Amin Nazari / Seyed Morteza Sabzeghaba 30m 12. To cross the raging river the teacher has no other tools at his disposal except his feet, body and life. Doc, London
Still as a tree Marion Krim 8m 12. A reclusive forest ranger is forced to confront his mistrust when two environmental researchers arrive, threatening the only world we call home. Drama, UK
Permit Ben Dalton 12m 12A. In a world controlled by the Great Council, Layla Rivers fights to reclaim her voice. Thriller, UK
A Hidden Legacy Tom Hopper 9m U. Mark unearths a deep sense of purpose that leads him to craft a unique legacy. Short Doc, UK
The Wheel Of Life Emily Andersen 8m 12. Using the 19thC zoetrope the film explores the relationship between visual images and the role of time between the still and moving image. London
Behome Wide Open Spaces Anemona Knut 8m 12A. Exploring motherhood, existential anxiety, and societal collapse, blending personal reflection with global concerns. Poetic documentary, UK
Rasta Man Vibrations Jordan Stone 19m 15. A doctor is surprised by an interesting group of patients. Comedy/Drama, Italy
Into the Sunset Shem Simon 4m U. Schoolboys and a vegan activist are arrested. Locked in jail, the activist hatches a surprising rescue plan. Student Film / Comedy Short, London
Auteur Dominic Pillai/Adam Porrino 8m 12. A film about being and nothingness. Comedy/Nouvelle Vague/Film Essay, UK
AXIS SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP SECTION:
Saturday Night Fiasco by **TAIZE** Taize Harrison/Al Ronald 4m 12. TAIZE - Saturday Night Fiasco Written & Performed by Taize Harrison Original song "F**k me Pumps" by Amy Winehouse. Music Video
Sonho Sen Film (Endless Dream) Harika Dixon 3m 12. Alienation, isolation and the desire to escape confinement. Arthouse / Horror
LUV AMBITION Kayla Sullers 4m 12. Galaxy Francis enters his romantic era, capturing intimate moments. Romance/Hip-Hop, London
Rabbit Skull Will Fleming 12m 15. Toby begins to mask his expression – both figuratively and literally... London
The Art Thief Kairon Edwards 8 12. An art thief challenges a detectives beliefs on crime, culture, and colonial legacy. Drama, UK
12 Steps To Armageddon Henry Scott-Irvine 29m 15. 12 Key films from 1957 until 2024, leading to a World War in 2025? War/ Doc/ Anthology, London

Saturday 6 September 6pm–10:30pm Best Things In Life Are Free

An evening of movies celebrating free and counter culture including Peter Whitehead's **Tonight Lets All Make Love in London** and **Floating Anarchy** the legendary local free festival band **Here & Now. One Pair Of Eyes** Idris Shah commissioned by David Attenborough on the Sufi mystic / collaborator with Robert Graves.

Sunday 7 September 6pm–10:30pm Spanish Films

The Toxic Mountain (La Montaña Tóxica) Luis Miguel Ariza 4m 12. Enduring the worst hazardous waste for more than 25 years, just 800 meters from their homes, without the law protecting them. Doc, Spain
On Abstraction Blanca Tibla 25m U. Five artists showcase a fresh rhythm of styles. Short Doc Experimental, Spain
Sour Milk (Leche Agria) Sergio Muñoz 19m 12A. Abandoned women sees the opportunity for a better life for her baby.
The Girl In White (La chica de blanco) Carlos Roselló 20m 15. Disappearance of a teenage girl triggers an investigation. Fiction, Spain
Sarcum Ignacio Malagón 13m 15. A writer decides to hire the services of a tech company. Fiction, Black comedy, Spain
In Half Jorge Morais 25m 12A. The journey of a man who must cross a strange world, a universe full of magic. Animation/fantasy, Spain
Maria Enganza Luis Ortas 17m 15. A grandmother tells her grandchildren the terrifying legend... Fiction/Fantasy/Terror, Spain
¿Cómo que abuela? (Grandma, who?) Xabi Vitoria 15m 12. Two women, a civil servant, a license looking for a grandmother. Spain
Macarena, una comedia espiritual (Macarena, a spiritual comedy) Nazaret Becá, Rodrigo Sancho 16m 12A. A young anarchist and brotherhood member is involved in the burning of a church. Spain
Tiempo y Perdón (Time and Forgiveness) Teresa Trasancos 15m 12A. Carmen faces trauma visiting. Spain
Te protegerán mis Alas (My Wings will Protect You) Antonio Cuadri 107m 12A. An orphaned boy on the streets Togo, survives with support of a Spanish missionary. Spain

Monday 8 September 6pm–10:30pm Films from Asia

Winter is Coming Nazaryan Milena 8m U. The children's stories are full of joy. How the adults became more serious. Drama, Armenia
Rock Berkut Tamerlan Almanov 12m 12A. Eccentric guitarist helps Berkut find purpose and passion. Comedy/music, Kazakhstan
Old House Huang Weipeng 5m U. An empty house, memories of three generations, one hundred years of solitude. China
Bullet, Buddha, Bastille XinCheng Song 14m 12. A Tibetan man encounters a friend about to move to the city... Docudrama, China
Seeding, Blossoming, Fruiting Junsong Ling 16m 15. Folklore with a universal fear, as desperate mother is pushed to the extremes and violent lengths to save the life of her sick son. China
Chicken Broth Soup Deniz Buyukkirih 19m 12. Doctor comes across unusual symptoms of dead man. Fiction, Turkey
Jasmine That Blooms in Autumn Chandradeep Das 15m 12. Love blossoms between two elderly women at an old age home. Drama, Romance, LGBTQIA+, India
Blue Peacock HongQuan Tian 64m 15. In 1993, the young man met himself who lives in 2033... Fiction Feature, China
Digging To Survive Moaz Ahmed Khan 20m 15. A traumatized construction worker battles anxiety. Drama/Psychological, Pakistan
The Night Begins Roman Sinitsyn 10m 15. A man's careless pursuit of fun takes him on a thrilling journey. Drugs/Drama, Russia
Salt Knight Yeonsoo Lee 88 mins 12A. Author recalls the moment when he saw the dragon's tooth-the traces of war. Drama, south korea

Tuesday 9 September 6pm–10:30pm Local London / UK Films 3

La luna sott'acqua (The moon beneath the water). Alessandro Negrini 99m U. Erto in Italy survived the biggest man-made disaster in time of peace, the Vajont disaster. Yet, despite having survived, Erto was meant to disappear forever. Northern Ireland
My Cure and Me Alan Bradley 13m U. Capturing a vanishing Ireland - exploring the experience of 2 elderly faith healers. Doc, London
WE WENT TO WAR (2012) Michael Grigsby 77m 12A. In 1970, three young Texas soldiers reflected on life after war in the award winning film, I WAS A SOLDIER. Over forty years later, their story continues. Doc Feature, UK
A Life Apart – Anxieties In A Trawling Community (1973) Michael Grigsby 62m 12A. "Unforgettably superb documentary on the work and life, onshore and off, of the trawlermen of Fleetwood, Lancashire" (BFJ). Doc, London

Wednesday 10 September 6pm–10:30pm World Documentaries 2

Wandering Benoit Maestre 44m 12. At the crossroads of the Mediterranean and Africa. Humans and the animal world. Doc, France
What I am here (Ce que je suis ici) Stéphanie Lessard-Bérubé. 30m U. Residents invite you to step into their home. Doc, short, Canada
Nakatuënitam innu-aitun (Preserve our Culture) Edouard Kaltush 6m U. For Edouard, the Innu culture is a remedy that must be practised and preserved. Canada
Cut Adnan Taheri 26m 12. Watching movies and practicing acting are part of Madhoor's daily routine, hoping to one day see his own image on the cinema screen. Short Doc, Ethnography, Iran
LARA - The Man Who Took On Escobar Mags Gavan 90m 12A. Jorge finds a hidden book with his father's notes on Politicians who were connected to Escobar before he died. Doc, UK
Living On The Edge (1987) Michael Grigsby 76m 12A. The Dark Side Of Thatcher's Britain. "One of the most original documentaries... on British national television during the 1980's" (John Corner, TheArtOfRecord 1996). "Grigsby's masterpiece" (NFT Retrospective 2004). Documentary, London

Thursday 11 September 6pm–10:30pm World Cinema 2

Vintage Life Flavio Sciole 9m 12. Fragments of life over the course of a year. Experimental Film, Italy
Urssus & gli Infedeli: Amandoti Flavio Sciole 5m 12. 'Amandoti' played by the group Urssus & gli Infedeli. Experimental, Italy
Orphic hymn 29 an hymn to Persephone Angelina Voskopoulou 9m 12A. A poem, to my mind, creates visible or auditory forms of something invisible... Experimental (Dance), Greece
Blinkity Black Ethann Néon 22m U. One blink, one lost image. Another one, another lost image. And so on... Belgium
Mazarol Lorenzo Cassol 16m 12. An 11-year old in a wolf costume, runs away to the woods after a fight with her father. Drama/Fantasy, Italy
Musintasia Alessandro Navarino 14m 12. Alex starts listening to music through headphones, it ignites his imagination... Italy
After The Ritual Antonio Montefalcone 14m 12A. Metaphysical and mysterious aspects of reality and of the human being. Fantasy, Italy
Fantastic variations on events that really happened in Turin in 1911 Giulio Maria Cavallini 20m 15. Last theatre set up by Italy's great adventure storyteller, Emilio Salgari, who exhausted his creativity and destroyed his wife's life. Fiction, Italy
Crimson & Clover Giovanna Batista 6m 12A. Left to take the fall for a crime, Claudia is ready to settle the score... Film Noir, Brazil
Cleaner Kostas Geramapinis 18m 15. In the day Ektoras is a pest control technician and during the night he stays awake. Crime, Greece
Pluton En Verseau (Pluto In Aquarius) Hippolyte Laveix 20m 15. She loves to dance, eat and frolic. She also observes... Fiction, Belgium
Hidden Time Giovanni Soldi 9m 12. There, in a hole, a man had hidden ten thousand years... Drama, Italy
Red Elif Boyacıoğlu 2m U. Sometimes it is the weird little things in life that trip you up... Animation/Comedy, Canada
Protecting Our Territory Christopher Boulton 4m U. How a Peruvian film collective used an action camera and mobile phones to co-create a 360 video project with a group of young people. Doc, USA
Novel Of Lost Memories Bruno Ungli, Domenico Bruzzese, Mauro Mola 10m U. A woman decides to bring her elderly father to Novello to heal by retracing his past. Comedy/mokumentary, Italy
The Storks Of Chernobyl Karim Galici 40m U. Children from the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster found happiness in Italy... Doc
Jawhara Insha'allah Arianna Proietti Mancini, Claudia Paola Sagona 56m 12A. A journey to discover the conflict between emancipation and tradition linked to patriarchy. Doc, Italy

Friday 12 September 6pm–10:30pm Local London / UK Films 4

The Gift of Life Amirhossein Hatami 3m U. Emily waits for her father but a looming truth threatens to overshadow their lives. Drama, UK
Silent Night Michal Cygan 11m 12A. At the office Christmas party, Grace will receive a gift beyond her wildest dreams. Drama, UK
The Promise Goblin James Atkins 19m 12. A beast is furious when he discovers Santa gave presents to naughty children. Drama, UK
Malton Roman Festival Nick Fletcher 3m U. Malton steps back in time to the Roman era. Doc, UK
Whitby Goths Nick Fletcher 7m 12A. Whitby celebrates 30 years of the goth weekend - 2024. Doc, UK
Colonel KURTZ Andrea Piga 12m 12A. A Russian secret service Colonel, on a daring mission to exfiltrate a German double agent spy from a gulag in Siberia. Gritty Spy Animation, London
Into The Unknown Arezou Ramezani 2m U. Intertwines the mesmerising transformation of flowers with a profound exploration of the essence of women's health. Experimental Video Art, London
The Day Dreamer Orson Heath-Pimpin 7m 12. One student becomes bit distracted and begins to day dream. Comedy/Fantasy, UK
Donald Dede's Story My Biafra War Myrna Shoa 16m 12. Donald lived through the Nigerian Civil War. He speaks of torture, sabotage, courage, luck, survival. Doc, London
Yvonne Reed Bridal Dress Designer Signor Myrna Shoa 8m U. A story about ignorance, survival, and truth. Short Doc, London
Frontline Radio Mark Jay 34m 12. R&B girl group and a Pirate Radio Garage crew from Avenues Youth Project W10 prepare for their annual showcase at the Tabernacle Centre, Notting Hill. Doc, London
Spot Trelick Chad Lelong 10m U. Trelick Tower from multiple angles. Encouraging the viewer to spot the tower. Doc, London
What We Hide Alexander Osman 25m 12A. Abdi's uphill struggle to win his father's love. Drama, UK
Smart Speaker Roland Denning 25m 12A. When the council installs a smart speaker to look after Dave, he has little idea of its horrendous nature. SciFi/Comedy/Drama, London
The Bounty Killers P1 Mark Simmons 13 m 12. Zon tries to prove his innocence on a large scale, while his nemesis, Lieutenant Colonel, is trying to track him down. Sci-Fi / Comedy, UK
Dance Willesden Junction Marlon Rouse Tavares & Rose Rouse 13m U. Dancing the walkways of Willesden Junction. London
Laundry List Alison Foyle 5m 12A. Exposes the raw, emotional toll of caregiving—an intimate, quietly powerful story. Social Realism / drama
Distraction Pack Alicia Hoser 8m 12. A unique perspective by those with experience of policing and neurodiversity. Docudrama, London
'TOSSER': A Champions Journey Adam Samuel 12m 12. Stone-skimming Champion Tom Shuffellbottom. Comedy/Spoof, London
Sam & Cy 'A Dangerous Method' Adam Samuel 5m 12A. 30 Years of Comedy Double Act Sam & Cy they bring you the true.
Leave A Message Siana Cooper Dominic Rogan 17m 15. Isolated, jade has found herself in a rut and can't get out. Drama, London
Just Us Harper Cunningham 9m 12. A mother and daughter coping with the grief of losing their husband/father. Drama, London
We Need To Talk About Roger Valentina Ceschi 7m. Sally is troubling herself with the frivolous minutiae of life... Comedy/Drama, UK

Saturday 13 September 6pm–10:30pm Films from France

Parallels Benoit Maestre 65m 12. Women and men wonder what they are doing with their lives. Experimental doc, France
We Regret To Inform You Michelle Bossy 14m 12A. In a dystopian near-future where everyone is provided a 24-hour government warning before their death. SciFi, USA/France
Yesno Antonio Amaral 8m 12A. Surrealism meets up with Crumb for a coffee and takes a walk through Crazytown. Animation/Comedy, France
Alexandre Trannoy, Unseen Movies Avril Teimbouret & Vladimir Rodionov 71m 12. Alexandre Trannoy, said to have worked with icons like Marlene Dietrich, Marcello Mastroianni and Stanley Kubrick. But none of his films were ever completed... Doc, France
Travel Inside Foreign Heads Antonio Amaral 108m 12A. They come from outer space; they are exiled on Earth, transplanted to humans. Everything goes wrong... SciFi, France

Sunday 14 September 6pm–11pm Grand Award Ceremony

6pm The Boy Crisis: Cancel Warren Farrell Hannah Gal 54m. With some of the most noted thinkers of our time the film delves deep into the essence of fatherhood, family and the global crisis impacting our boys. Doc, London. Plus **Q&A.**
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