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# Welcome

#### to the 19th Inverness Film Festival

I've watched too many films at home over the past couple of years, but there's no experience quite like sitting in a dark cinema with other people, discovering something new. This year's festival transports us to many of the different cultures and landscapes that have been missing from our lives over the past couple of years. Films from Scotland, the UK, Iceland, Norway, France, Denmark, Germany, Belarus, Romania, Morocco, Sudan, Lebanon, Iran, Afghanistan, Japan, Australia, the US, Canada and Cuba.

We would love for you to join us for our weekday 'Afternoons in Iran'. With the Iranian New Wave (from the mid-'60s) the cinema of Iran has been some of the most important in the world – poetic, subversive and creative due to the restrictions and censorships in Iranian culture.

We're delighted to be showcasing the work of the Inverness artist Jamie Kane, with a screening of his short films and an exhibition, alongside work by his father Ian Kane. The exhibition will be in the Stalls Foyer Gallery from the 06 Nov.

The festival this year will also be taking place at the wonderful new cinema in Cromarty. With six films playing there, it's a brilliant location to see a film and have a wander (possibly with something from the fantastic Slaughterhouse coffee shop just next door to the cinema).

I do hope that you will enjoy the festival - you'll see me around the cinema throughout, so please do let me know your feelings about the films.

Paul MacDonald-Taylor
Festival Director

#### **OPENING NIGHT FILM**



# The Road Dance (15+)

FRI O5 NOV

UK | 2021 | 116mins

**Director** Richie Adams

Starring Hermione Corfield, Morven Christie, Mark Gatiss

Life in the Scottish Hebrides is harsh – some call it 'the edge of the world'. For the beautiful Kirsty, her love for Murdo and their shared dreams of America promise escape from the hardships of the land and a stifled destiny. But the Great War changes all when Murdo is conscripted. The night before the young men go off to battle, tragedy is set in motion as villagers swirl and sup at a "road dance." Based on the acclaimed novel by John MacKay.

With thanks to Parkland Entertainment

## **CLOSING NIGHT FILM**



# The Eyes of Tammy Faye (15)

THU 11 NOV

Canada/USA | 2021 | 126mins

**Director** Michael Showalter

**Starring** Jessica Chastain, Andrew Garfield, Cherry Jones,

Vincent D'Onofrio

The Eyes of Tammy Faye is an intimate look at the extraordinary rise, fall and redemption of televangelist Tammy Faye Bakker. In the 1970s and 80s, Tammy Faye and her husband, Jim Bakker, rose from humble beginnings to create the world's largest religious broadcasting network and theme park, and were revered for their message of love, acceptance and prosperity. Tammy Faye was legendary for her indelible eyelashes, her idiosyncratic singing, and her eagerness to embrace people from all walks of life. However, it wasn't long before financial improprieties, scheming rivals, and scandal toppled their carefully constructed empire.

With thanks to The Walt Disney Company



# The Card Counter (15+)

WED 03 NOV

UK/China/USA | 2021 | 111mins

**Director** Paul Schrader

Starring Oscar Isaac, Tiffany Haddish, Tye Sheridan, Willem Dafoe

Redemption is the long game in Paul Schrader's *The Card Counter*. Told with Schrader's trademark cinematic intensity, this revenge thriller tells the story of an ex-military interrogator turned gambler haunted by the ghosts of his past.

With thanks to Universal Pictures



# Spencer (15+)

THU 04 NOV

Germany/Chile/UK/USA | 2021 | 111mins

Director Pablo Larraín

Starring Kristen Stewart, Timothy Spall, Sally Hawkins, Sean Harris

The marriage of Diana and Charles has long since grown cold. Though rumours of affairs and a divorce abound, peace is ordained for the Christmas festivities at the Sandringham Estate. But this year, things will be a whole lot different. Spencer is an imagining of what might have happened during those few fateful days.

With thanks to STX International

There will be security at this screening.

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# Petite Maman (8+)

SAT 06 NOV

France | 2021 | 72mins | French with subtitles Director Céline Sciamma (Portrait of a Lady on Fire IFF2019) Starring Joséphine Sanz, Gabrielle Sanz, Nina Meurisse

Acclaimed filmmaker Céline Sciamma returns with her latest treasure Petite Maman, a sublime modern fairytale about the quiet wonder of mother-daughter relationships.

After the death of her beloved grandmother, eight-year-old Nelly meets a mysterious friend in the woods. Together they embark on a fantastical journey of discovery which helps Nelly come to terms with this newfound loss.

Featuring exceptional central performances from real-life twins Joséphine and Gabrielle Sanz, Sciamma's warm and gently profound new film mixes the intimate with the fantastical with her characteristically delicate touch, weaved together into a tale of childhood, memory and loss that will resonate with audiences young and old.

With thanks to MURI

### **HIGHLIGHTS**



# Ali + Ava (15+) SUN O7 NOV

UK | 2021 | 95mins Director Clio Barnard (Dark River IFF2017) Starring Adeel Akhtar, Claire Rushbrook

Enveloped in music and imbued with humour. Ali & Ava is a compelling contemporary love story written and directed by BAFTAnominated Clio Barnard (The Arbor. The Selfish Giant, Dark River).

Ali and Ava meet through their shared affection for Sofia, whom Ava teaches. Over a lunar month, sparks fly and a deep connection begins to grow. However, the legacy of Ava's past relationship and Ali's emotional turmoil at the breakdown of his marriage begins to overshadow their newfound passion.

With thanks to Altitude Film



# **Mothering** Sunday (15+) SUN O7 NOV

UK | 2021 | 110mins **Director** Eva Husson Starring Odessa Young. Josh O'Connor, Colin Firth, Olivia Colman

On a spring day in 1924, house maid and foundling Jane Fairchild (Young) finds herself alone on Mother's Day. Her employers, Mr and Mrs Niven (Firth and Colman), are out and she has the rare chance to spend an afternoon with her secret lover. Paul (O'Connor), the boy from the manor house nearby. But events that neither can foresee will change the course of Jane's life forever.

With thanks to Lionsgate



# Memoria (15+) SUN 07 NOV

Colombia/Thailand/UK/Mexico/ France/Germany/Qatar | 2021 | 136mins

**Director** Apichatpong Weerasethakul (Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives IFF2010)

Starring Tilda Swinton, Elkin Díaz. Jeanne Balibar, Juan Pablo Urrego, Daniel Giménez Cacho

Ever since being startled by a loud 'bang' at daybreak, Jessica (Swinton) is unable to sleep. In Bogotá to visit her sister, she befriends Agnes (Balibar), an archaeologist studying human remains discovered within a tunnel under construction.

With thanks to Sovereign Film Distribution



## Flee (15+) SUN 07 NOV

Denmark/France/Norway/Sweden 2021 | 83mins

Danish, Swedish, French, Norwegian with English subtitles Director Jonas Poher Ramussen

Amin Nawabi (a pseudonym), a 36-year-old high-achieving academic, grapples with a painful secret he has kept hidden for 20 vears, one that threatens to derail the life he has built for himself and his soon to be husband.

Told mostly through animation, Flee weaves together a stunning tapestry of images and memories to tell the deeply affecting story of a man grappling with his traumatic past in order to find his true self

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**



## **Boiling Point (15+)** TUE O9 NOV

UK | 2021 | 94mins

Director Philip Barantini

Starring Stephen Graham, Vinette Robinson, Jason Flemyng, Ray Panthaki Enter the relentless pressure of a restaurant kitchen as a head chef

wrangles his team on the busiest day of the year...

Via a single, continuous shot, we are launched into what proves to be a very hectic evening for head chef Andy (Graham), on the last Friday before Christmas when the hostess has overbooked, a disgruntled inspector is combing the kitchen and Andy's mentor, a culinary icon, shows up unannounced with his partner, a respected food critic.



# The Souvenir: Part II (15+)

WED 10 NOV

UK | 2021 | 106mins

Director Joanna Hogg

Starring Honor Swinton Byrne, Tilda Swinton, Richard Ayoade

Joanna Hogg's much-anticipated sequel to the acclaimed *The Souvenir*.

The Souvenir – Part II follows Julie as she attempts to understand her relationship with Anthony. Over five years, Julie processes her experiences through her filmmaking, culminating in the creation of her graduation film. If Part One is the story of Julie and Anthony, then Part Two is the story of Julie and her creativity.

With thanks to Picturehouse Entertainment

### **HIGHLIGHTS**



# Blue Bayou (15+)

THU 11 NOV

USA/Canada | 2021 | 117mins Director Justin Chon Starring Justin Chon, Alicia Vikander

From award-winning writer/director Justin Chon, *Blue Bayou* is the moving and timely story of a uniquely American family fighting for their future. Antonio LeBlanc (Chon), a Korean adoptee raised in a small town in the Louisiana bayou, is married to the love of his life Kathy (Vikander) and step-dad to their beloved daughter Jessie. Struggling to make a better life for his family, he must confront the ghosts of his past when he discovers that he could be deported from the only country he has ever called home.

With thanks to Universal Pictures

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# Titane (18+)

THU 11 NOV

France/Belgium | 2021 | 108mins

French with subtitles

Director Julia Ducournau (Raw IFF 2016)

Starring Vincent Lindon, Agathe Rousselle, Garance Marillier

Following a series of unexplained crimes, a father is reunited with the son who has been missing for 10 years.

Titane: A metal highly resistant to heat and corrosion, with high tensile strength alloys.

Winner of the Palme d'Or, Cannes Film Festival 2021

With thanks to Altitude Film

#### RYUSUKE HAMAGUCHI



# Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy (15+)

SUN 07 NOV (Eden Court

+ Cromarty)

Japan | 2021 | 121mins Japanese with subtitles Director Ryusuke Hamaguchi Starring Kotone Furukawa, Katsuki Mori, Shouma Kai, Fusako Urabe, Ayumu Nakajima

An unexpected love triangle, a failed seduction trap and an encounter that results from a misunderstanding.

Meiko is startled when she realises that the man who her best friend starts to have feelings for is her ex. Sasaki plots to trick his college professor out of revenge, using his class friend-with-benefits Nao.



# **Drive My Car** (15+) TUE 09 NOV (Eden Court) THU 11 NOV (Cromarty)

Japan | 2021 | 179mins Japanese with subtitles Director Ryusuke Hamaguchi Starring Hidetoshi Nishijima, Toko Miura, Masaki Okada, Reika Kirishima

Yusuke Kafuku (Nishijima), a stage actor and director, is happily married to Oto (Kirishima), a screenwriter. However, Oto suddenly dies after leaving behind a secret. Two years later, Kafuku, still unable to fully cope with the loss of his wife, receives an offer to direct a play at a theatre festival and drives to Hiroshima with his car.

With thanks to Modern Films

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## SCOTTISH



### Iorram (PG) SAT 06 NOV

UK | 2021 | 96mins | Gaelic

Alastair Cole - Stiùiriche, Riochdaire, Filmeadair

A' chiad film aithriseachd gu tur ann an Gàidhlig, tha Iorram na dhealbh liriceach air Innse Gall, an-diugh agus an-dè. Tha an Stiùiriche, Alastair Cole, a' toirt an luchd-amhairc air turas-bogaidh a-steach do chridhe coimhearsnachd a tha air maireadh 1,000 bliadhna, a' measgachadh clàran fuaim tasglainn de ghuthan bhon t-àm a dh'fhalbh le iomhaighean de bheatha nan eilean san latha an-diugh agus ceòl ùr air a chruthachadh leis an neach-ciùil cliùiteach, Aidan O'Rourke.

Aig cridhe an fhilm tha stòras iongantach de thasglann fuaim, air a chlàradh le luchd-eitneòlais adhartach Albannach ann am meadhan an 20mh linn, a thadhal air na h-Eileanan an Iar airson glacadh cruadal agus romansachd beatha air a chur seachad ann an cothromachadh cugallach leis a' mhuir.

Tha na clàraidhean seo a' glèidheadh beul-aithris de dh'uirsgeulan, ràbhairtean agus cùisean-mulaid a thàinig sìos tro ghinealaichean de luchd-labhairt Gàidhlig.

#### **SCOTTISH**



# Riptide (15+) MON 08 NOV

UK | 2021 | 90mins

**Director** Tim Barrow

Starring Tim Barrow, Elspeth Turner

Discharged from a psychiatric hospital, Jacob attempts to resume life in Edinburgh, control his schizophrenia and be a worthy member of society. He works collecting litter from streets and parks. He boxes. He takes medication. He writes everything down. His Dad barely wants to know him

Frustrated by this banal existence and encouraged by his psychiatrist, Jacob sets off to the Highlands in search of fulfilment. By the sea he finds the charismatic Eva, who claims to be the secret daughter of Ingmar Bergman and is on a mission.

Director and star Tim Barrow will be joining us to discuss the film after the screening.

## SPECIAL EVENT

# Always Coming Home Artist films by Jamie Kane SAT 06 NOV

45mins | Jamie Kane is an artist from Inverness who lives and works in Amsterdam. Jamie works across different media including video, audio, sculpture and text. He describes his work as functioning like landfill sites, where layers of material sit together, decompose at varying rates, and create slippages across time.

#### Calcium Storeys 2017 | 6m 27s

Calcium Storeys central protagonists are a statuette with detachable Calcite limbs and a Xenophora Pallidulla, a mollusc that attaches and co-habits with other shells.

#### Cannonball in the Garden

2019 | 2m 17s

A cannonball dating back to 1745 that was found in a garden is activated in a manner that violently overwrites it.

#### 4 Southpark Avenue

2020 | 5m 54s

Andy, Cat, Ed, Gosia, Lauren and Liam repeat, blend into and speak over each other, having spent too long on an improvised film set. **Thingy** 2013 | 4m 23s

**Tin Foil Hat** 2015 | 5m 17s

**Fossil** 2015 | 10m 18s

When finding a route to the origin through traces, holes, storerooms and attics, you arrive in a situation of trust and suppression and bodies in motion.

**Bessie** 2014 | 1m 11s

Masks 2016 | 5m 21s

**The Pump** 2019 | 10m 30s

Including the voices of June Bryson, Ian Kane, Antonia Brown, Lucía Bayón, Petter Dahlström Persson, Music: Ivor Cutler



# The Exverted Rim of a Vase

#### **Exhibition**

The everted rim of a vase is an exhibition of sculptures and sound by Ian  $\vartheta$  Jamie Kane. Ian's new work responds to the contemplative nature of the chapel. Jamie's work starts from the gaps between written and verbal language to evoke a landscape. Central to both of their work is how we create relationships to time and history through materials. The Inverness-shire landscape filters into their work both directly and obliquely as a means to speak outward or beyond it.

Ian Kane is an artist living near Inverness. He has exhibited nationally and internationally since studying Sculpture at Edinburgh College of Art and completing a post-graduate degree in the 1970s.

Jamie Kane is lan's son and is an artist living and working in Amsterdam. He has screened and exhibited work throughout the UK and Europe, including the solo exhibitions *Grafting* at CCA: Glasgow, *Calcium Storeys* Market Gallery + Inverness Museum & Art Gallery and most recently *Plough* at Gastatelier LeoXIII in Tilburg, the Netherlands.

## DOCUMENTARY



# The Last Autumn (12+)

SAT 06 NOV

Iceland | 2021 | 78mins

Director Yrsa Roca Fannberg

A desolate farm, pushed up against the Arctic ocean, has been breeding sheep for centuries. This is the last autumn they herd their sheep down from the surrounding mountains.

Playing with:

#### Confluence

Scotland | 2021 | 10mins Director Paul Campbell

Charlie Webster combines his love of music with his passion for his home, Abriachan (Obar Itheachan, meaning - confluence of the hill river in Gaelic).

Best known for his skill as a luthier (repairing fiddles and violins to both amateur and professional musicians) Charlie runs his business, 'Fit As a Fiddle' from his home, and has had to adapt to the impact that Covid-19 has placed upon his way of life.

With music by Bruce MacGregor from his album, "Loch Ness".

#### **DOCUMENTARY**



# The Real Charlie Chaplin (15+) SAT 06 NOV

UK | 2021 | 114mins

Directors Peter Middleton, James Spinney

From the award-winning creative team behind *Notes On Blindness* and *Listen To Me, Marlon* comes a contemporary take on cinema's most iconic figure. In an innovative blend of newly-unearthed audio recordings, dramatic reconstructions and personal archive, the film traces Charlie Chaplin's meteoric rise from the slums of Victorian London to the heights of Hollywood superstardom, before his scandalous fall from grace.

Refracting his life through a kaleidoscope of previously unheard voices and perspectives, the film sheds new light on the many sides of a ground breaking, controversial and visionary artist. For decades he was the most famous man in the world but who was *The Real Charlie Chaplin?* 

# **Timetable**

Fri 5 - Thu 11 Nov 2021

DAY	VENUE	11.00	12.00	13.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	17.00	18.00	19.00	20.00	21.00	22.00
PREVIEW Wed 3 Nov	Playhouse										The Card Co 20.00 – 22.0		
PREVEW Thu 4 Nov	La Scala										<b>Spencer</b> 20.00 – 22.0	00	
Fri 05 Nov	La Scala										Road Dance 0 - 21.15		
	Playhouse								<b>You Will Di</b> 18.00 – 19.	ie At Twenty .40	<b>Paris, 13</b> 20.15 – 3	th District 22.00	
	Cromarty									<b>Old Men Ne</b> 19.00 – 20.3			
Sat 06 Nov	La Scala	UHI Studen Showcase 11.00 - 12.1				<b>Iorram (Gae</b> 15.00 – 17.0			<b>Γhe Real Char</b> 17.45 – 19.45	lie Chaplin	<b>Title to I</b> 20.15 – 3	oe confirmed 22.15	
	Playhouse	The Last 11.15 – 1	<b>t Autumn</b> 12.45	BTG: Turbulence 13.00 - 14.00	Alwa Con Hon 14.3 15.3	ning ne 0 -	<b>Courage</b> 16.00 – 17.4	5	<b>Memor</b> 18.15 –			e Maman ) – 21.45	
	Cromarty					<b>Courage</b> 15.00 – 16.3	30			<b>Memory Bo</b> 19.00 – 20.4			
Sun 07 Nov	La Scala	<b>UHI Swa</b> 11.15 – 1				<b>Cow</b> 15.00 – 16.40					othering Sunday .30 - 21.20		
	Playhouse	Shorts for Middle Ones 11.00 – 12.00		<b>BTG: Mobile</b> 13.00 – 14.15		<b>Wheel of Fortu</b> 14.45 – 16.55	ne and Fantasy		noria ) – 19.45		Flee 20.00 – 21.3	50	
	Cromarty					Wheel of Fo	ortune and Fant	asy					

# Timetable, cont'

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Mon 08 Nov	La Scala	Shorts for Wee Ones 11.00 – 11.50			Hit the Road 14.00 – 15.40				<b>Between Two Worlds</b> 18.00 – 19.50		Title to be confirmed 20.15			
	Playhouse	<b>Adam</b> 11.30	– 13.15						<b>GSFF 1</b> 17.45 – 19.15		de (+Q&A) - 21.30			
Tue 09 Nov	La Scala	La Scala  Becoming Cousteau 11.00 – 12.40			<b>There Is No Evil</b> 14.00 – 16.35			<b>Boiling Point</b> 18.15 – 19.50			Title to be confirmed 20.15			
	Playhouse								<b>GSFF 2</b> 17.45 – 19.15		<b>My Car</b> – 22.30			
	Cromarty							<b>Adam</b> 19.00 – 20.45						
Wed 10 Nov	La Scala	Castro's Spies 11.00 – 12.45			<b>Old Men Never Die</b> 14.00 – 15.30							The Souvenir: Part II 20.00 - 21.50		
	Playhouse								<b>Hope</b> 17.45 – 20.00		<b>Lamb</b> 20.30	) – 22.20		
Thu 11 Nov	La Scala	Great Freedom 11.00 - 13.00		The Wasteland 14.00 – 15.45			<b>Blue Bayou</b> 18.00 – 20.00			The Eyes of Tammy Faye 20.30 – 22.40				
	Playhouse							Bad Luck Banging or 18.15 – 20.00			<b>Titane</b> 20.15 – 22.15			
	Cromarty	arty						<b>Drive My Car</b> 19.00 – 22.00						

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#### DOCUMENTARY



# Courage (15+) Eden Court + Cromarty SAT 06 NOV

Germany | 2021 | 91mins Belarusian and Russian with subtitles Director Aliaksei Paluyan Starring Maryna Yakubovich, Pavel Haradnizky, Denis Tarasenka

In the course of the 2020 presidential elections in Belarus, an underground theatre group take part in peaceful mass protests, and narrowly escape arrest and torture. What unites them is the hope for freedom of speech and democracy. The film provides a close and gripping insight into the lives of people in today's Belarus who are fighting for their freedom and the right to democracy.

With thanks to Rise and Shine



# **Cow** (15+) SUN 07 NOV

UK | 2021 | 94mins Director Andrea Arnold (Wuthering Heights IFF2011)

"This film is an endeavour to consider cows. To move us closer to them. To see both their beauty and the challenge of their lives. Not in a romantic way but in a real way. It's a film about one dairy cow's reality and acknowledging her great service to us. When I look at Luma, our cow, I see the whole world in her."

Andrea ArnoldWith thanks to MUBI

#### **DOCUMENTARY**



# Becoming Cousteau (12+) TUE 09 NOV

USA | 2021 | 93mins

Director Liz Garbus

Starring Jacques-Yves Cousteau

Two-time Academy Award®-nominated filmmaker Liz Garbus takes an inside look at Jacques-Yves Cousteau's life, iconic films, inventions, and the experiences that made him the 20th century's most unique and renowned environmental voice — and the man who inspired generations to protect the Earth.

With thanks to Dogwoof



# Castro's Spies (15+) WED 10 NOV

Ireland | 2020 | 103mins **Directors** Gary Lennon and Ollie Aslin

The thrilling story of an elite group of Cuban spies sent undercover to the US in the 1990s. From their recruitment, training and eventual capture on US soil; this film peers into a secret world of false identities, love affairs and betrayal. Using never seen before footage from the Cuban Film Institute's archive and first-hand testimony from the people at the heart of this story, Castro's Spies gives a rare glimpse into the shadowy world of a spy – where the stakes are life and death.

With thanks to Gambit Pictures

# **NEW WORLD CINEMA**



# You Will Die at Twenty (12+)

FRI O5 NOV

Sudan/France/Egypt/Germany/ Norway/Qatar | 2019 | 105mins Arabic with subtitles Director Amjad Abu Alala Starring Mustafa Shehata, Islam Mubarak, Mahmoud Elsarai

You Will Die at Twenty follows the life of Muzamil (Mustafa Shehata) from birth until his 20th birthday. Muzamil's religious Sufi village lies between the Blue and White Nile in Al Jazira state, Sudan, and at the boy's baptism ceremony, a sheik prophesizes that Muzamil will meet an early death at the age of twenty. A conflict grows within Muzamil between his traditional values and newfound modern aspirations. Will he have the time to act out his desires?

With thanks to Verve Pictures and New Wave Films



# Paris, 13<sup>th</sup> District

Les Olympiades, Paris 13e (15+) FRI 05 NOV

France | 2021 | 105mins | French and Mandarin with subtitles Director Jacques Audiard Starring Lucie Zhang, Makita Samba, Noémie Merlant

Paris, 13th District, present day. Emilie meets Camille, who is attracted to Nora, who crosses the path of Amber. Three girls and a boy redefine what modern love is.

Palme d'Or winner Jacques Audiard (Rust and Bones, Dheepan) is back with an adaptation of the graphic novel Killing and Dying by Adrian Tomine.

With thanks to Curzon



# Memory Box (12+) SAT O6 NOV (Eden Court) SAT O6 NOV (Cromarty)

France/Lebanon/Canada/Qatar | 2021 | 105mins | French and Arabic with subtitles Director Joana Hadjithomas, Khalil Joreige Starring Rim Turki, Paloma Vauthier, Manal Issa, Clémence Sabbagh

Maia, a single mother, lives in Montreal with her teenage daughter, Alex. On Christmas Eve, they receive an unexpected delivery: notebooks, tapes, and photos Maia sent to her best friend from 1980's Beirut. Alex enters the world of her mother's tumultuous, passionate adolescence during the Lebanese civil war, unlocking mysteries of a hidden past.

With thanks to Modern Films



# Between Two Worlds

Ouistreham (15+) MON 08 NOV

France | 2021 | 106mins French with subtitles Director Emmanuel Carrère Starring Juliette Binoche, Hélène Lambert, Léa Carne, Emily Madeleine

Marianne Winckler, a well-known author, goes to live in northern France to research her new book on the subject of job insecurity. Hired as a cleaner, her new role gives her first-hand experience of financial instability and social invisibility. But she also discovers mutual assistance and solidarity.

With thanks to Curzon

# Adam (12+) MON 08 NOV (Eden Court) TUE 09 NOV (Cromarty)

Morocco/France | 2019 | 98mins Arabic with subtitles Director Maryam Touzani Starring Loubna Azabal, Nessrine Erradi, Daoua Belkhaouda

Abla runs a modest local bakery from her home in Casablanca where she lives alone with her 8-year-old daughter Warda. Their routine of housework and homework is interrupted one day by a knock on the door. It is Samia, a young woman looking for a job and a roof over her head. The little girl is immediately taken with the newcomer but her mother initially refuses to allow a pregnant stranger into their lives.



# Hope Håp (15+) WED 10 NOV

Norway | 2019 | 125mins | Norwegian with subtitles Director Maria Sødahl Starring Andrea Bræin Hovig, Stellan Skarsgård

What happens to love when a woman in the middle of her life gets three months left to live? When Anja gets a terminal brain cancer diagnosis the day before Christmas, her life with Tomas breaks down and exposes neglected love from years of growing independent of each other.

With thanks to Picturehouse Entertainment

#### **NEW WORLD CINEMA**



# Lamb Dyrio (15+) WED 10 NOV

Iceland/Sweden/Poland | 2021 | 106mins | Icelandic with English subtitles Director Valdimar Jóhannsson

**Starring** Noomi Rapace, Hilmir Snær Guðnason, Björn Hlynur Haraldsson

A childless couple in rural Iceland make an alarming discovery one day in their sheep barn. They soon face the consequences of defying the will of nature in this dark and atmospheric folktale, the striking debut feature from director Valdimar Jóhannsson.

With thanks to MUBI

NESS FILM FESTIVAL



# Great Freedom Grosse Freiheit (18+) THU 11 NOV

Austria/Germany | 2021 | 116mins German with subtitles Director Sebastian Meise Starring Franz Rogowski, Georg Friedrich, Anton von Lucke, Thomas Prenn

In post-war Germany Hans is imprisoned again and again for being homosexual. Due to Paragraph 175, his desire for freedom is systematically destroyed. The one steady relationship in his life becomes his long time cell mate, Viktor, a convicted murderer. What starts as revulsion grows into something called love.

With thanks to MUBI



# Bad Luck Banging or Loony Porn

**NEW WORLD CINEMA** 

Babardeală cu bucluc sau porno balamuc (15+) THU 11 NOV

Romania/Luxembourg/Croatia/ Czech Republic | 2021 | 106mins Director Radu Jude Starring Katia Pascariu, Claudia Ieremia, Olimpia Mălai

Emi, a school teacher, finds her career and reputation under threat after a personal sex tape is leaked on the Internet. Forced to meet the parents demanding her dismissal, Emi refuses to surrender to their pressure. Radu Jude delivers an incendiary mix of irreverent humour and scathing commentary on hypocrisy in our societies.

Golden Bear for Best Film at Berlinale 2021

With thanks to Sovereign Film Distribution

# DISCOVERY FILM FESTIVAL

Scotland's International Film Festival for Young Audiences

**SEAT PRICE £3** 



# Shorts for Middle Ones (8+)

SUN 07 NOV

Various countries | 2019-2020 | 55mins Dialogue free or (in one film) Lithuanian with subtitles.

This annual collection of short films for those aged eight and above has characters that are forced to journey to strange new worlds in search of fresh starts in life. We learn the truth about dinosaur extinction and what happens to Matilda when her head is so full of knowledge her mother has to find her a spare one.

# Shorts for Wee Ones (3+)

MON 08 NOV

Various countries | 2017-2020 | 42mins English or dialogue free

These magical tales will introduce children age 3+ to a bird that finally leaves its cage behind and discovers a whole new life on the rooftops of Paris, and a very tidy-minded octopus who wants the glass in his aquarium home to be absolutely spotless!

### **AFTERNOONS IN IRAN**



# Hit the Road Jaddeh Khaki (12+) MON 08 NOV

Iran | 2021 | 93mins Farsi with subtitles Director Panah Panahi Starring Hassan Madjooni, Pantea Panahiha, Rayan Sarlak

A chaotic, tender family is on a road trip across a rugged landscape, but to where? In the back seat, Dad has a broken leg, but is it really broken? Mom tries to laugh when she's not holding back tears. The kid keeps exploding into choreographed car karaoke. All of them are fussing over the sick dog and getting on each other's nerves.

Only the mysterious older brother is quiet.

With thanks to Picturehouse Entertainment



# There is no Evil Sheytan vojud nadarad (15+) TUE 09 NOV

Iran/Germany/Czech Republic | 2020 | 150mins
Farsi with subtitles
Director Mohammad Rasoulof (*The White Meadows* IFF2011)
Starring Ehsan Mirhosseini,
Shaghayegh Shourian, Kaveh
Ahangar

Every society that enforces the death penalty needs people to kill other people. In four thematically connected episodes, four men are faced with an unthinkable but simple choice. Whatever they decide, it will directly or indirectly corrode themselves, their relationships, and their entire lives.

With thanks to Verve Pictures and New Wave Films

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# Old Men Never Die Piremardha nemimirand (15+) FRI 05 NOV (Cromarty) WED 10 NOV (Eden Court)

Iran | 2019 | 85mins Farsi with subtitles Director Reza Jamali Starring Nader Mahdilou, Hamdollah Salimi, Salman Abbasi, Neda Haghshenas, Velayat Khoobdel, Sefat Ahari

One-hundred-year-old Aslan, formerly the head of a death squad in youth, is now living with other single old men in a remote village. Since he came here, 45 years ago, nobody has ever died in the village. They believe the only way to bring death back to the village is to commit suicide.

With thanks to Persia Film Distribution



# The Wasteland Dashte Khamoush (15+) THU 11 NOV

Iran | 2020 | 102mins Farsi and Kurdish with subtitles Director Ahmad Bahrami Starring Ali Bagheri, Farrokh Nemati, Mehdi Nassaj, Majid Farhang, Mahdieh Nassaj

A remote manufacture factory produces bricks in an ancient way. Many families with different ethnicities work in the factory and the boss seems to hold the key to solving their problems. Forty-year-old Lotfollah, who was born on-site, is the factory supervisor and acts as go-between for the workers and the boss. The boss has Lotfollah gather all the workers in front of his office.

With thanks to Persia Film Distribution

# BRIDGING THE GAP: TURBULENCE

A collection of intimate and thought-provoking stories from Scottish Documentary Institute's emerging talent initiative Bridging the Gap on the theme of 'Turbulence'.

SAT 06 NOV (12+)·48MIN £3/person

#### Against the Tide

Director Giulia Candussi Producer Julia Moon

A small community on a remote Scottish island lives in deep connection with the land and the weather. This film follows a woman, Gill, during the final stages of her trial period. Will she be accepted and become a full-time member of the community?

#### **Harmonic Spectrum**

**Directors** Austen McCowan and Will Hewitt

Sean uses the Piano to navigate life on the Autistic Spectrum. As he is drawn into new musical collaborations he must learn to balance his enthusiasm and compulsive energy with understanding and compromise, redefining his perspective in the process.

#### **Racing Stock**

Director Patrick Steel

15-year old Taylor Borthwick is a stock car racer, like her father and her grandfather before her. As she turns 16 she will move into the adult leagues, racing bigger, faster cars against men twice her age. It's a dangerous sport: does she have what it takes?

#### Everyman

**Director** Jack Goessens **Cast** Adam Kashmiry, Goose Masondo, Arran Skillin

A personal, visual essay about gender transition – focusing on the social context and implications and exploring how the world is different living as female compared to being perceived as male. Jack tells his story by using and reframing gender focused tropes and imagery from popular culture, mythology, history and art.

# BRIDGING THE GAP: MOBILE

From a year in which everything felt at a standstill, get transported by these brand new shorts on the theme of Mobile from the brightest Scottish and Northern Irish talent.

SUN 07 NOV (12+) · 67MIN £3/person

#### Prosopagnosia

Director, Animator Steven Fraser

Prosopagnosia is a story of identity, communication and memory that uses expressive animation to investigate a personal memory box in intimate and experimental ways.

#### Run With Her

Director Lia Campbell

Endurance running creates a secure world for 16 year-old Emmy, where everything can be quantified and controlled. As influences from the outside world start to permeate, we follow the change it might bring to her relationships with the other girls on the team and within herself.

#### The Bayview

Director Daniel Cook

On the North East Coast of Scotland, an extraordinary family have turned the previouslyderelict Bayview hotel into an unofficial respite for international fishermen. The hotel is crucial to this diaspora community who face life-threatening conditions every day. Bayview is an intimate glimpse into their home and the transient identities that pass through it.

#### **West Country**

**Director** Rowan Ings

An atmospheric portrait of labour and land in the West Country, told with reflections from local 13-year-old Conor. The film explores daily rhythms of nature and labour, and relationships between men and the land in early Spring.

#### **Born in Damascus**

Director Laura Wadha

After ten years apart, a Scottish filmmaker tries to reconnect with her closest cousin. Once so similar, their paths were separated by war. As they piece together memories of Syria, they begin to wonder - 'What happened to our family?'

# GLASGOW E SHORT FESTIVAL

MON 08 NOV

# **Harmony and Discord**

£3/person

#### SCUZZ

14m | UK | 2020 | Fiction Director, Writer Alia Ghafar

On a Saturday night in Glasgow, we meet bassist Kim, who longs for an escape from the shallow scene she finds herself in

#### Forest Floor

5m | UK | 2019 Documentary, Performance Director, Producer, Editor Robbie Synge

Shot in Abernethy Forest in The Cairngorms, "Forest Floor" considers different bodies and physical access challenges in a rural location

### **Harmonic Spectrum**

17m | UK | 2020 | Documentary Directors, Producers, Cinematographers Austen McCowan, Will Hewitt

Sean uses the piano to navigate life on the Autistic Spectrum.

## **Lighting Tests**

10m | UK | 2020 | Fiction hybrid Director, Writer, Producer Tom Nicoll

Malky, a struggling actor, spots a good opportunity to show a director what he's capable of, but comes to suspect that maybe he's iust being exploited...

#### Sudden Death

9m | UK | 2020 | Experimental Director Rhona Mühlebach

Set in a nature management zone, an inspector investigates the numerous sudden deaths which occur in the area.

#### 12th Man

12m | UK | 2020 | Fiction Director Caitlin Black

In the ultra-masculine environment of Scottish grassroots football, star players Angus & Charlie struggle to come to terms with their relationship, sexuality, and place within the team.

#### TUE 09 NOV

## Resilience

£3/person

#### The Shift

9m | UK/Portugal | 2020 | Fiction Director, Writer Laura Carreira

The Shift aims to capture the vulnerable condition of a temporary worker and to reveal the immediate consequences of the dangerously short and ever-present distance separating employment and poverty, security and tumult.

#### Isle of Us

18m | 2020 | UK | Documentary Director, Producer Laura Wadha

Haunted by the ghost of war, a stoic Syrian barber is trying to build a home for himself and his family on a remote Scottish island.

#### Opal

13m | UK | 2020 | Fiction Director, Writer Kirsty McLean

A teenage boxer tries to fill her idolised and abusive father's space in the family, after his sudden passing.

#### **Everyman**

11m | UK | 2020 | Documentary Director, Editor Jack Goessens

A personal, visual essay about gender transition focusing on the social context and implications and exploring how the world is different living as female compared to being perceived as male.

#### **Expensive Shit**

15m | UK | 2020 | Fiction Director, Writer Adura Onashile

Tolu, a Nigerian toilet attendant in a Glasgow nightclub, manipulates unsuspecting women for men behind the mirrors. Tonight, she is forced to choose between saving herself or harming a punter.

#### UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS:

## STUDENT SHOWCASE

SAT 06 NOV  $\cdot$  (15+)  $\cdot$  £3/person

#### Maisie-1

14m | Scotland | 2021 Director Joe Osborn Starring Fraser Bishop, Crystal Gailbraith, CJ Cambell

This sci-fi noir follows Buddy, a recently released convict. In order to catch up with overdue rental instalments, Buddy takes to the criminal underground of Inverness.

#### **Girls Night**

15m | Scotland | 2021 Director Grant Jamieson Starring Shelley Harwood, Ruta Katie, Aiysha Jebali

Three friends in lockdown decide to have a get together online. However, tensions begin to rise and their true feelings soon come out.

#### You Already Know

13m | Scotland | 2021 Director Bruce Murray Starring Iona Reid, Hamish Somers, Giselle Cullinane, Brodie Murray, Anne Murray

During the pandemic, a young, recently married woman wakes up to discover a mysterious note left by her husband.

#### **Imani**

6m | UK/Italy | 2021 Starring Sophia Lockhart, Francesco Guzzo Magliocchi, Margherita Monti Imani, an illegal immigrant from Africa, struggles to find hope in a

small town in the south of Italy.

#### Our Lockdown

12min | Scotland | 2021 Director Sharon Denice

Reflections of lockdown in Spring 2020 by the residents of the small Highland village of Dalmally.

#### UNIVERSITY OF THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS:

# **SWANSONG**

SUN 07 NOV · (15+) · £3/person

These students recently graduated from the UHI BA (Hons) Drama and Production degree, based at Inverness College.

#### Gone

16m | Scotland | 2021 Director James Reilly

A day in the life of a young man. who is only a shadow of what he used to be: a carefree optimist who treats the issue of loneliness as a joyous situation rather than a miserable one.

#### Until Death Do Us Part

16m | Scotland | 2021 Director Paulina Pruciak

The story of a victim and their abuser. What once began as a dream, quickly turned into something devastating. Let this piece open your eyes.

#### Love

16m | Scotland | 2021 Director Bradlev Reid

Through his own words and actions 'the creator' finds himself on a journey to discover what love is to him and what it could be to many others.

Content Warning: This piece contains adult language and mental health sensitive topics, please be advised before viewing, thank you.

#### **Transfixia**

20m | Scotland | 2021 **Director** Zuper Rookie

TRANSFIXIA - Noun - A recurring state of daydreaming. Disassociation from the real world. The desire to let one's attention drift....

Content Warning: This film contains frequent flashing images and strobe liahtina effects

# A Dreamotologist's Utopia

25m | Scotland | 2021 Director Alina Ben Larbi

An interactive dreamed documentary on three ideal worlds in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

INVERNESS FILM FESTIVA



#### FREE TICKETED EVENT

# Cashback Highlands Screening

WED 10 NOV

Come and see films recently created through Eden Court's Cashback Highlands program. Made by young people from the Highlands and Moray, expect music videos, thrillers, comedies and the absurd in this amazing showcase of local talent.

Cashback Highlands is a progression and outcome focused creative arts project for young people aged 12 - 24 in the Highlands. We work with a network of project partners who support young people and families. The three-year program is designed to empower young people to feel more confident, to learn new skills and to spire.









# Tickets + Info

Our box office is open from 10.00 - 20.00, phone lines open 10.00 - 18.00.

### **Ticket Prices**

UNDER26: £5.50\*

FRIENDS: £6.50

ADULTS: £8

\* proof of age may be required

#### **TICKET DEALS**

Buy tickets for 5-9 films (excluding opening film) and tickets are £5.50 each (£5 Friends).

Buy tickets for 10+ films (excluding opening film) and tickets are £5 each (£4.50 Friends).

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