

WHITEHORSE FILM SOCIETY Inc FILMS FOR 2022

Feb 5th THE GOOD LIAR; UK/Germ/USA, 2019, 109 mins, MA

Dir: Bill Condon. Stars: Helen Mirren, Ian McKellen, Russell Tovey.

Consummate con-man Roy Courtney has set his sights on his latest mark: the recently widowed Betty McLeish, worth millions. But this time, what should have been a simple swindle escalates into a cat-and-mouse game with the ultimate stakes. Drama

Feb 19th HONEYLAND; TURK, 2019, 89 mins, M

Dir: Tamara Kotevska, Ljubomir Stefanov. Stars: Hatidze Muratova, Nazife Muratova.

The last female bee hunter in Europe must save the bees and return the natural balance in Honeyland, when a family of nomadic beekeepers invade her land and threaten her livelihood. This observational documentary, filmed in Macedonia, will impact your thoughts on natural resources and the human condition. Doco

Mar 5th FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS; UK, 2019, 112 mins, M

Dir: Chris Foggin. Stars: James Purefoy, Meadow Nobrega.

Ten fishermen from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of sea shanties. Com/Dra/Mus

Mar 19th SEE YOU UP THERE; Fra/Can, 2017, 112 mins M

Dir: Albert Dupontel. Stars: Nahuel Pérez Biscayart, Albert Dupontel.

November 1919. Two soldiers - a disfigured but brilliant artist and an ex-accountant - start a memorial con. But in the France of the Roaring Twenties, their adventures soon turn dangerous. Com/Cri/Dra

Apr 02nd COLLECTIVE; USA, 2019, 109 mins, MA

Dir: Alexander Nanau. Stars: Dan Condrea, Liviu Iolu.

In 2015, a fire at Bucharest's *Colectiv Club* leaves 27 dead and 180 injured. Director Alexander Nanau follows a crack team of investigators at the Romanian newspaper *Gazeta Sporturilor* as they try to uncover a vast health-care fraud that enriched moguls and politicians and led to the deaths of innocent citizens. Doco/Crime

Apr 16th THE FURNACE; Australia, 2020, 116 mins, MA

Dir: Roderick MacKay. Stars: Ahmed Malek, Baykali Ganambarr.

To escape the outback, a young Afghan cameleer falls in with a mysterious bushman on the run with stolen Crown gold. The film illuminates the forgotten history of Australia's 'Ghan' cameleers, predominantly Muslim and Sikh men from India, Afghanistan and Persia, who opened up the Nation's desert interior and formed unique bonds with local Aboriginal people. Drama/Adv/Hist

May 7th THE WAY HOME; Korea, 2002, 80 mins. PG

Dir: Jeong-hyang Lee. Stars: Yoo Seung-ho, Eul-boon Kim.

Seven-year-old Sang-woo is left with his grandmother in a remote village while his mother looks for work. Born and raised in the city, Sang-woo quickly comes into conflict with his old-fashioned grandmother and his new rural surroundings, perceiving that he has been abandoned. He tries to trade his grandmother's only treasure, a hairpin, for video game batteries; he throws his food and he throws tantrums. Through his grandmother's boundless patience and devotion, he learns to embrace empathy, humility and the importance of family. Drama

May 21st MINARI; USA, 2020, 115 mins, PG

Dir: Lee Isaac Chung. Stars: Steven Yeun, Yeri Han, Alan S. Kim.

Yearning to own a small patch of land and be more than a chicken sexer, the ambitious, Jacob Yi, relocates his Korean-American family: sceptical wife, Monica, and their children, David and Anne, from California to 1980s rural Arkansas, to start afresh and capture the elusive American Dream. However, new beginnings are always challenging. Drama

Jun 4th EMU RUNNER; Australia, 2018, 95 mins, PG

Dir: Imogen Thomas. Stars: Rhae-Kye Waites, Wayne Blair.

A spirited 8-year-old girl deals with the grief of her mother's death by forging a bond with a wild emu, a mythical bird of her ancestors. This spiritual dreaming is a bond she will do anything to keep, but one that puts her at odds with the new social worker. Dra/Fam

Jun 18th CAPERNAUM; Leb/Fr/USA+, 2018, 121 mins, M

Dir: Nadine Labaki. Stars: Zain Al Rafeea, Yordanos Shiferaw.

After being jailed for committing a violent crime, Zain, a mistreated 12-year-old boy, sues his parents for giving him life. Zain's large family live hand to mouth in a squalid apartment in Lebanon. The kids work instead of going to school. When Zain's 11-year-old sister is sold into marriage, he flees the family home in search of a better life. He is taken in and lovingly cared for by an illegal Ethiopian worker, Rahil, who lives in a shanty house with her baby. But when Rahil disappears, Zain is suddenly left to fend for himself and her baby, resorting to increasingly desperate measures to survive. Drama.

Jul 2nd OFFICIAL SECRETS; UK/USA, 2019, 112 mins, MA

Dir: Gavin Hood. Stars: Keira Knightley, Matt Smith.

The true story of a British whistleblower who leaked information to the press about an illegal NSA spy operation designed to push the UN Security Council into sanctioning the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Drama/Biography/Crime

Jul 16th YESTERDAY; UK/Russ/Ch, 2019, 116 mins, M

Dir: Danny Boyle. Stars: Himesh Patel, Lily James.

Jack Malik was just another struggling songwriter...but that was yesterday. After a mysterious blackout, Jack (Himesh Patel) discovers he is the only person on earth who remembers The Beatles! As he rockets to fame by passing off the Fab Four's songs as his own, Jack risks losing Ellie (Lily James) - the one person who has loved him and believed in him from the start. Before the door to his old life closes forever, Jack must decide if all he needs is love, after all. Kate McKinnon and Ed Sheeran also star in this romantic rock 'n' roll comedy from Academy Award-winning director Danny Boyle. Comedy/Family/Music.

Aug 6th SHOPLIFTERS; Japan, 2018, 116 mins, M

Dir: Hirokazu Koreeda. Stars: Lily Franky, Sakura Andô.

At first reluctant to shelter the girl they find in the street, Osamu's wife agrees to take care of her after learning of the hardships she faces. Although the family is poor, barely making enough money to survive through petty crime, they seem to live happily together until an unforeseen incident reveals hidden secrets, testing the bonds that unite them. Crime/Drama.

Aug 20th RAMS; Australia, 2020, 118 mins, PG

Dir: Jeremy Sims. Stars: Sam Neill, Michael Caton, Wayne Blair

A decades-long feud between two sheep-farming brothers comes to a head when disaster strikes their flocks. Sam Neil is excellent.

Comedy/ Drama

Sep 3rd TRASH; UK/Brazil/Germany, 2014, 114 mins, M

Dir: Stephen Daldry, Christian Duurvoort. Stars: Rickson Tevez, Gabriel Weinstein.

Set in Brazil, three kids who make a discovery in a garbage dump soon find themselves running from the cops and trying to right a terrible wrong. Drama/Adventure

Sep 17th COLD WAR; UK/POL/FR, 2018, 89 mins, M

Dir: Pawel Pawlikowski. Stars: Joanna Kulig, Tomasz Kot.

Set against the background of the Cold War in the 1950s in Poland, Berlin, Yugoslavia and Paris, the film depicts an impossible love story in impossible times. Drama/History

Oct 1st THE GUILTY; (Den Skyldige), Den, 2018, 85 mins, M

Dir: Gustav Möller. Stars: Jakob Cedergren, Jessica Dinnage.

Alarm dispatcher and former police officer, Asger Holm, answers an emergency call from a kidnapped woman. When the call is suddenly disconnected, the search for the woman and her kidnapper begins. With the phone as his only tool, Asger enters a race against time to save the endangered woman. But soon he realises that he is dealing with a crime that is far bigger than he first thought. Crime/Drama.

Oct 15th LEAVE NO TRACE; USA/Can, 2018, 104 mins, G

Dir: Debra Granik. Stars: Thomasin McKenzie, Ben Foster.

A father and his thirteen-year-old daughter are living an ideal existence in a vast urban park in Portland, Oregon when a small mistake derails their lives forever. Drama

Nov 05th THE INSULT; Fra/Lebanon +, 2017, 108 mins, M

Dir: Ziad Doueiri. Stars: Adel Karam, Kamel El Basha.

An emotional exchange between a Lebanese Christian and a Palestinian refugee escalates dramatically. As passions boil over, each man digs in and what should have been a trivial incident, escalates quickly into a dispute that reverberates through their families and communities. Crime/Thr.

Nov 19th NOMADLAND; USA, 2020, 107 mins, M

Dir: Chloé Zhao. Stars: Frances McDormand, David Strathairn.

Fern (Frances McDormand), a woman in her sixties, after losing everything in the Great Recession, embarks on a journey through the American West, living as a van-dwelling modern-day nomad. She explores a life outside of conventional society. Drama

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