

WHITEHORSE FILM SOCIETY Inc FILMS FOR 2026

Feb 7th, 7.45pm. CONCLAVE, UK/USA; 2024, 120 mins, PG

Dir: Edward Berger. Stars: Ralph Fiennes, Stanley Tucci

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the centre of a web of conspiracies and intrigue that could shake the very foundation of the Catholic Church. Drama

Feb 21st, 7.45pm. TINA (Mother), NZ, 2024, 124 mins. M

Dir: Miki Magasiva. Stars: Anapela Polataivao, Antonia Robinson

A woman, grieving her daughter's death in the Christchurch quakes, becomes a substitute teacher at an elite school. Unexpectedly, she discovers students lacking guidance and care, prompting her to provide inspiration and support. Drama

Mar 7th, 7.45pm, THELMA, USA/Switz, 2024, 98mins, M

Dir: Josh Margolin. Stars: June Squibb, Fred Hechinger

When 93-year-old Thelma Post gets duped by a phone scammer pretending to be her grandson, she sets out on a treacherous quest across the city to reclaim what was taken from her. Action/Comedy

Mar 21st, 7.45pm. BALLOON, Ger/Fra/USA, 2018, 125mins, M

Dir: Michael Herbig. Stars: Friedrich Mücke, Karoline Schuch

East Germany, 1979. After initially failing to flee from the East to the West in a self-built hot-air balloon, two families struggle to make a second attempt, while the East German State Police are chasing them. Drama/History/Thriller

Apr 4th, 7.45pm. THE PENGUIN LESSONS, UK, 2024. 111 mins, M

Dir: Peter Cattaneo. Stars: Steve Coogan, Bruno Blas, Jonathan Pryce

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach. Drama

Apr 18th, 7.45pm. MY FAVOURITE CAKE, Iran, 2024, 97 mins, M

Dir: Maryam Moghadam, Behtash Sanaeaha. Stars: Lili Farhadpour, Esmaeel Mehrabi

Seventy-year-old Mahin, solitary until now, chooses to revive her love life. A chance encounter becomes an unforgettable evening. Com/Dra

May 2nd, 7.45pm. THE SALT PATH, UK, 2024. 115 mins, M

Dir: Marianne Elliott. Stars: Gillian Anderson, Jason Isaacs

A couple lose their home and later discover the husband has been diagnosed with a terminal illness as they embark on a year-long coastal trek. Docodrama

May 16th, 7.45pm. DEN SISTA RESAN (THE LAST JOURNEY), Sweden, 2024, 95mins, PG

Dir: Filip_Hammar, Fredrik_Wikingssson. Stars: Filip Hammar, Fredrik Wikingsson

Renowned Swedish TV-duo Filip and Fredrik embark on a trip to France, aiming to rekindle the zest for life of Filip's father. Documentary

Jun 6th, 2.00pm. A BEAUTIFUL MIND, USA/Spain, 2001, 135mins, M

Dir: Ron Howard. Stars: Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly

A mathematical genius, John Nash made an astonishing discovery early in his career and stood on the brink of international acclaim. But the handsome and arrogant Nash soon found himself on a harrowing journey of self-discovery. Bio/Dra/Mys

Jun 20th, 2.00pm. RADICAL, USA/Mex, 2023, 125 mins, M

Dir: Christopher Zalla Stars: Eugenio Derbez, Daniel Haddad

A teacher in a Mexican border town full of neglect, corruption, and violence, tries a radical new method to unlock his students' curiosity, potential, - and maybe even their genius. Drama

Jul 4th, 2.00pm. CABRINI; USA, 2024, 142 mins, M

Dir: Alejandro Monteverde. Stars: Cristiana Dell'Anna, David Morse

After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children. Bio/Drama

Jul 18th, 2.00pm. THE GOLDEN SPURTLE; UK/Aust. 2025. 75mins.

Dir: Constantine Costi. Stars: Ian Bishop, Adam Kiani

In a Scottish Highland village, competitors gather for the World Porridge Championships' final year under Charlie Miller's leadership, celebrating tradition and community through the art of perfect porridge-making. Documentary

Aug 1st, 2.00pm. TOUCH; Iceland/UK, 2024. 121 mins, M

Dir: Baltasar Kormakur. Stars: Egill Olafsson, Palma Kormakur

A romantic and thrilling story that spans several decades and continents; it follows one man's emotional journey to find his first love who disappeared 50 years ago, before his time runs out. Drama/Romance

Aug 15th, 2.00pm. GOODBYE JULIA, Sud/Ger, 2023, 120mins, M

Dir: Mohamed Kordofani. Stars: Eiman Yousif, Siran Riak

Just before the secession of South Sudan, a married former singer from the north seeks redemption for causing the death of a southern man by hiring his oblivious wife as her maid. Drama

Sep 5th, 7.45pm. RUNT, Aust, 2024, 91 mins, PG

Dir: John Sheedy. Stars: Jai Courtney, Jack Thompson, Deborah Mailman

Follows ten-year-old Annie and Runt, her stray dog, as they attempt to win the Agility Course Championship at the Krumpets Dog Show in London in order to save their family's farm from drought and misery. Family/Animal Adventure.

Sep 19th, 7.45pm. THE TEACHER WHO PROMISED THE SEA, 2023, Spain, 105 mins., M

Dir: Patricia Font. Stars: Enric Auquer. Laia Costa

The buried memories of the Spanish Civil War are unearthed as a woman searches for the remains of her grandfather's father and

discovers the story of an idealistic young teacher from Tarragona. Biography/Drama

Oct 3rd, 7.45pm. Mr. BURTON, UK, 2025, 124 mins, M

Dir: Marc Evans. Stars: Toby Jones, Lesley Manville

The story of how Richie Jenkins was turned into Richard Burton the greatest star Wales has ever produced and who later said of his teacher Philip Burton that 'I owe him everything'. Biography/Drama

Oct 17th, 7.45pm. UNE BELLE COURSE (DRIVING MADELEINE); USA, 2022, 91 mins, M

Dir: Christian Carion. Stars: Line Renaud, Dany Boon

A seemingly simple taxi ride across Paris evolves into a profound meditation on the realities of the driver, whose personal life is in shambles, and his fare, an elderly woman whose warmth belies her shocking past. Comedy/Drama

Nov 7th, 7.45pm. WE LIVE IN TIME; UK, 2024. 108 mins, M

Dir: John Crowley. Stars: Andrew Garfield, Florence Pugh

After an unusual encounter, a talented chef and a recent divorcee fall in love and build the home and family they've always dreamed of, until a painful truth puts their love story to the test. Drama/Romance

Nov 21st, 7.45pm. DE BUCHSPAZIERER (DOOR-TO-DOOR-BOOKSTORE); Germany, 2024. 98 mins. PG

Dir: Ngo The Chau, Stars: Christoph Maria Herbst, Yuna Bennett

70-year old Carl Kollhoff works in a little bookshop in a small town, where he wraps up books to deliver them by foot. One day a 9-year old girl Schascha joins him on his delivering-tours. She calls him the "Buchspazierer" (the Bookwalker). Comedy/Drama

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