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Tolkien (from 7 June)

The Ultimate Picture Palace

FROM FRIDAY 17 MAY



Red Joan (12A)

Dir. Trevor Nunn. UK, 2018. 1h 41m. Starring Judi Dench, Sophie Cookson, Alfie Allen. Inspired by the story of Melita Norwood, who was exposed in the late 90s as the KGB's longest-serving British spy. Judi Dench excels in this well-crafted drama which deftly switches between modern day and the past.



Happy as Lazzaro (12A)

Dir. Alice Rohrwacher. Italy, 2018. 2h 7m. Italian/subs. Starring Adriano Tardiolo, Agnese Graziani, Luca Chikovani. Winner of the Best Screenplay at Cannes Film Festival, Alice Rohrwacher's critically-acclaimed gem is a moving fable about a kindhearted peasant's transformative journey in rural Italy.



3 Faces (15)

Dir. Jafar Panahi. Iran, 2018. 1h 41m. Persian/Turkish/subs. Starring Behnaz Jafari, Jafar Panahi, Marziyeh Rezaei. Observational and insightful road movie about Iranian actress Behnaz Jafari (playing herself) abandoning a film shoot to help find a young actress whose life might be in danger.



A Deal with the Universe (15)

Dir. Jason Barker. UK, 2018. 1h 32m. Autobiographical and made entirely from personal archive and home video diaries, this documentary follows Jason Barker's incredible story of how he came to give birth to his child – charting over 15 years of his and his partner's life.



OXFORD PRIDE PRESENTS

The Times of Harvey Milk (15)

Dir. Rob Epstein. USA, 1984. 1h 28m. Narrated by Harvey Fierstein. Oscar-winning documentary about political trailblazer, Harvey Milk – outspoken human rights activist and one of the first openly gay US politicians elected to public office. Introduced by the organisers of Oxford Pride 2019.

FROM FRIDAY 24 MAY



Mid90s (15)

Dir. Jonah Hill. USA, 2018. 1h 25m. Starring Sunny Suljic, Katherine Waterston, Lucas Hedges. In 90s LA, a 13-year-old spends his summer between his troubled home and a crew of new skater friends. Jonah Hill's directorial debut is an observantly funny coming-of-age tale powered by youthful exuberance.



Loro (18)

Dir. Paolo Sorrentino. Italy, 2019. 2h 31m. Italian/subs. Starring Toni Servillo, Elena Sofia Ricci, Riccardo Scamarcio. Oscar-winning filmmaker Paolo Sorrentino teams up with longtime collaborator Toni Servillo to revel in the scandalous private life of Italy's most infamous politician – Silvio Berlusconi.



Being Frank: The Chris Sievey Story (15)

Dir. Steve Sullivan. UK, 2018. 1h 45m. Starring Frank Sidebottom, Jon Ronson, John Cooper Clarke. Affectionate documentary telling the twisted tale of wayward genius Frank Sidebottom, his fanatical desire to preserve the myth he created, and his battle against being consumed by his alter ego.



SCIENCE OXFORD PRESENTS

Moon (15)

Dir. Duncan Jones. UK, 2009. 1h 37m. Starring Sam Rockwell, Kevin Spacey. Released ten years ago on a tiny budget, Duncan Jones's eerie sci-fi debut became an instant cult classic. A Science Oxford Q&A with Oxford University professor and BBC presenter Chris Lintott follows this one-off screening.

FROM FRIDAY 31 MAY

Eighth Grade (15)

Dir. Bo Burnham. USA, 2018. 1h 34m. Starring Elsie Fisher, Josh Hamilton, Emily Robinson. Inverted teen Kayla tries to survive the last week of her disastrous eighth grade year before starting high school. A bittersweet and exquisitely observed drama directed by American comedian Bo Burnham.



The Sisters Brothers (15)

Dir. Jacques Audiard. France/USA, 2018. 2h 2m. Starring John C. Reilly, Joaquin Phoenix, Jake Gyllenhaal. Off-kilter Western about two brothers sent to kill a prospector accused of stealing from a tyrannical crime boss. The English-language debut from the Palme d'Or-winning director of *Dheepan*.



Dragged Across Concrete (18)

Dir. S. Craig Zahler. USA, 2018. 2h 39m. Starring Mel Gibson, Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Carpenter. A pair of out-of-control cops descend into the criminal underworld after being suspended for assaulting a suspect. Horribly compelling, noir thriller opting for slow-burning drama over high-speed thrills.



Donbass (15)

Dir. Sergey Loznitsa. Ukraine, 2018. 2h 2m. Ukrainian/subs. Starring Valeriu Andriuta, Natalya Buzko, Evgeny Chistyakov. In the Donbass region of Eastern Ukraine, military conflict leads to absurd moral decline in this award-winning dark comedy about political oppression in the era of fake-news.



FROM FRIDAY 7 JUNE

Tolkien (12A)

Dir. Dome Karukoski. USA, 2019. 1h 52m. Starring Nicholas Hoult, Lily Collins, Genevieve O'Reilly, Patrick Gibson. Biographical drama tracing the early life of *Lord of the Rings* author JRR Tolkien – making friends at Oxford, falling in love, and facing the horror of the First World War.



Greta (15)

Dir. Neil Jordan. USA, 2018. 1h 39m. Starring Chloë Grace Moretz, Isabelle Huppert. A lonely widow's friendship with a naïve young woman takes on an increasingly obsessive and sinister air. Isabelle Huppert and Chloë Grace Moretz go head-to-head in this pleasingly trashy psychological thriller.



Ash is Purest White (15)

Dir. Jia Zhang-ke. China, 2018. 2h 16m. Mandarin/subs. Starring Tao Zhao, Fan Liao, Yi'nan Diao. A woman emerges from a unjust stint in jail with revenge on her mind. Writer-director Zhangke Jia combines gangster pic and social critique in this engrossing thriller set in post-millennial China.



Styx (12A)

Dir. Wolfgang Fischer. Austria/Germany, 2018. 1h 35m. German/subs. Starring Susanne Wolff, Alexander Beyer, Felicity Babao. A doctor on a solo sailing trip discovers a stricken fishing boat with it's crew in grave danger. A taut moral thriller that provocatively depicts mankind at war with nature.



OXFORD GREEN WEEK PRESENTS

Woman at War (12A)

Dir. Benedikt Erlingsson. Iceland, 2018. 1h 40m. Icelandic/subs. Starring Halldóra Geirharðsdóttir, Jóhann Sigurðarson. Compelling eco-thriller about a 50-year-old environmental activist fighting the causes of climate change in Iceland. Introduced by the organisers of Oxford Green Week.



CLASSICS

BON ANNIVERSAIRE AGNÈS VARDA



The Beaches of Agnes (18)

Dir. Agnes Varda. France, 2008. 1h 53m.
French/subs. Starring Andre Lubrano,
Blaise Fournier. We pay tribute to the
late great French filmmaker on what
would have been her 91st birthday.

THE LONG HAUL: EPICS



Spartacus (PG)

Dir. Stanley Kubrick. USA, 1960. 3h 16m.
Starring Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier,
Jean Simmons. Will the real Spartacus
please stand up! Kubrick's historical epic
about a revolting slave.



Andrei Rublev (15)

Dir. Andrei Tarkovsky. Russia, 1969.
3h 2m. Russian/subs. Starring Anatoli
Solonitsyn, Ivan Lapikov, Nikolai Grinko.
The murky world of medieval Russia
through the eyes of a troubled artist.



Celine and Julie Go Boating (12A)

Dir. Jacques Rivette. France, 1974. 3h
14m. French/subs. Starring Juliet Berto,
Dominique Labourier. Post-modern
paranoia and la vie Parisienne.

FILM TIMES

FRIDAY 17 MAY

18:15 Happy as Lazzaro
21:00 Red Joan

SATURDAY 18 MAY

16:30 A Deal with the Universe
18:30 Red Joan
20:45 3 Faces

SUNDAY 19 MAY

14:15 Spartacus
18:15 3 Faces
20:30 Red Joan

MONDAY 20 MAY

18:30 A Deal with the Universe
20:30 Happy as Lazzaro

TUESDAY 21 MAY

19:00 *Future of the UPP –
Public Meeting*

21:00 3 Faces

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

18:30 The Times of Harvey Milk
20:45 A Deal with the Universe

THURSDAY 23 MAY

12:30 *Baby Club*
16:00 Red Joan
18:15 Happy as Lazzaro
21:00 3 Faces

FRIDAY 24 MAY

18:00 Mid90s
20:00 Loro

SATURDAY 25 MAY

15:30 Loro
18:45 Mid90s
20:45 Being Frank

SUNDAY 26 MAY

15:15 Being Frank
17:30 Loro
20:45 Mid90s

MONDAY 27 MAY

17:30 Loro
20:45 Mid90s

TUESDAY 28 MAY

18:30 *Mid90s (subs)*
20:30 Loro

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

18:15 Moon + Q&A
21:00 Being Frank

THURSDAY 30 MAY

16:15 Being Frank
18:30 Beaches of Agnes
21:00 Mid90s

FRIDAY 31 MAY

18:15 The Sisters Brothers
20:45 Dragged Across Concrete

SATURDAY 1 JUNE

15:15 Donbass
17:45 Dragged Across Concrete
21:00 Eighth Grade

SUNDAY 2 JUNE

14:15 Andrei Rublev
18:00 The Sisters Brothers
20:30 Donbass

MONDAY 3 JUNE

18:30 Eighth Grade
20:45 Dragged Across Concrete

TUESDAY 4 JUNE

18:30 Donbass
21:00 The Sisters Brothers

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

17:45 Dragged Across Concrete
21:00 Eighth Grade

THURSDAY 6 JUNE

12:30 *Baby Club*
16:00 Donbass
18:30 Eighth Grade
20:45 The Sisters Brothers

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

18:00 Tolkien
21:00 Greta

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

15:30 Ash is Purest White
18:30 Greta
20:45 Tolkien

SUNDAY 9 JUNE

14:00 Celine and Julie Go Boating
18:00 Tolkien
20:30 Styx

MONDAY 10 JUNE

18:15 Styx
20:30 Ash is Purest White

TUESDAY 11 JUNE

18:15 Woman at War
20:45 Tolkien

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

18:00 Ash is Purest White
21:00 Greta

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

16:00 Tolkien
18:30 *Closed (Private Hire)*
21:00 Styx

HOH SUBTITLED SCREENINGS: early Tuesday evenings when
we can. 28/05 Mid90s

BABY CLUB: every other Thursday, just for parents with babies.
23/05 Red Joan, 06/06 Eighth Grade



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