

26<sup>th</sup> February **DHEEPAN** France 2016 1h 55min



(Tamil, French & English with English subtitles) **Director:** Jacques Audiard  
**With:** Jesuthasan Antonythasan, Kalieaswari Srinivasan, Claudine Vinasithamby

Dheepan is a fighter with the Tamil Tigers rebel militia. In Sri Lanka, the Civil War is reaching its end, and defeat is near. Dheepan decides to flee, taking with him two strangers - a woman and a little girl - hoping that they will make it easier for him to claim asylum in Europe. Arriving in Paris, the 'family' moves from one temporary home to another until Dheepan finds work as the caretaker of a run-down housing block in the suburbs

"A sympathetic, inquisitive portrait of the immigrant experience in Europe"  
Dave Calhoun **Time Out**

5<sup>th</sup> March **THE BRAND NEW TESTAMENT**



Belgium/France/Luxembourg 2015 1h 53min  
(French & German with English subtitles) **Director:** Jaco Van Dormael  
**With:** Pili Groyne, Benoît Poelvoorde, Catherine Deneuve

God lives in human form as a cynical writer with his young opinionated daughter in present-day Brussels. She concludes that her dad is doing a terrible job and decides to rewrite the world, which leaves God angry, powerless and adamant to get his power back.

"A film with a big heart and an even bigger imagination." Cath Clarke **Time Out**

26<sup>th</sup> March **THIS IS ENGLAND** UK 2007 1h 41min



**Director:** Shane Meadows  
**With:** Thomas Turgoose, Stephen Graham, Vicky McClure and Joseph Gilgun

It's 1983 and school is out. Twelve-year-old Shaun ( Thomas Turgoose ) is a lonely boy growing up in a grim coastal town in northern England, whose father died in the Falklands War. Over the course of the summer holiday he befriends a group of local skinheads. This is possibly the best British film released in the last 10 years and introduced many of us to Vicky McClure ( Lol ) now celebrated for her work in three This Is England TV series and TV's "Line of duty" and Joseph Gilgun ( Woody ) as her partner. It is truly sterling and we felt that we must screen this marvellous film which is both very funny and very tough. - "With its knockout lead performances and taut construction, this '80s-set dramedy about a skinhead gang represents Meadows' most fluently made film so far." Leslie Felperin **Variety**

9<sup>th</sup> April **OUR LITTLE SISTER** (*Umimachi Diary*) Japan 2016 2h 8min



(Japanese with English subtitles) **Director:** Hirokazu Koreeda  
**With:** Haruka Ayase, Masami Nagasawa, Kaho

Three sisters Sachi, Yoshino and Chika live together in a large house in the city of Kamakura. When their father, absent from the family home for the last 15 years, dies, they travel to the countryside for his funeral and meet their shy teenage half-sister. Bonding quickly with the orphaned Suzu, they invite her to live with them. Suzu eagerly agrees, and a new life of joyful discovery begins for the four siblings.

"An intimate, warm embrace of a film." Dave Calhoun **Time Out**

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25<sup>th</sup> September **TAXI TEHRAN** (Taxi) Iran 2015 1h 22min



(Persian with English subtitles) **Director:** Jafar Panahi **With:** Jafar Panahi  
When you are a filmmaker and you are not allowed to direct movies any more, you have to retrain. So why not become a taxi driver? Or better, why not pretend you are a taxi driver and make a film despite everything? This is what Jafar Panahi has done. Now he invites you to get into his cab to ride through the streets of Tehran and discover its people in the persons of his various passengers.

"It is subtle, humorous and humane. It tells you more about modern Iran, I think, than you'll discover on the news." Peter Bradshaw **The Guardian**

2<sup>nd</sup> October **TANGERINES** (Mandariinid) Estonia/Georgia 2015 1h 27min



(Russian, Georgian & Estonian with English subtitles) **Director:** Zaza Urushadze  
**With:** Lembit Ulfsak, Elmo Nüganen  
Set in 1992, during the growing conflict between Georgia and Abkhazian separatists in the wake of the Soviet Union's dissolution, this tale focuses on two Estonian immigrant farmers who decide to remain in Georgia long enough to harvest their tangerine crop. When the war comes to their doorsteps, Ivo takes in two wounded soldiers from opposite sides. The fighters vow to kill each other when they recover, but their extended period of recovery has a humanising effect that might transcend ethnic divides.

"It is tremendous storytelling: engaging, intelligent, and with some lovely touches." Peter Bradshaw **The Guardian**

16<sup>th</sup> October **SATURDAY NIGHT & SUNDAY MORNING**



**50th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENT**

UK 1960 1h 29min **Director:** Karel Reisz  
**With:** Albert Finney, Shirley Anne Field, Rachel Roberts

We are delighted to welcome Shirley Anne Field herself to introduce this BAFTA award winning 60's classic film and tell us about working with Albert Finney and starring with Laurence Olivier, Michael Caine, Steve McQueen, Oliver Reed and Daniel Day Lewis in some of the best films of the last 50 years including *The Entertainer*, *Alfie*, *My Beautiful Laundrette* and much more!  
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13<sup>th</sup> November **AGUIRRE WRATH OF GOD** (Aguirre, der Zorn Gottes)



Germany 1972 1h 33min (German, Quechua & Spanish with English subtitles)  
**Director:** Werner Herzog **With:** Klaus Kinski, Ruy Guerra, Helena Rojo

A few decades after the destruction of the Inca empire, a Spanish expedition leaves the mountains of Peru and goes down the Amazon river in search of gold and wealth. Soon, they come across great difficulties and Don Aguirre, a ruthless man who cares only about riches, becomes their leader. But will his quest lead them to "the golden city", or to certain destruction? *Aguirre* was released to widespread critical acclaim, and quickly developed a large international cult film following.

"A classic that screams to be seen on the big screen." Tom Dawson **Total Film**

27<sup>th</sup> November **THE LUDDENDEN VALLEY**



UK 2015 1h 55min

**A Pathways Production**

A return visit from Pathways Productions whose "Halifax Past, Present & Future" proved so popular last year. This time we will be showing their latest production: "The Luddenden Valley". It is the third in the series "The Valleys of Calderdale" which celebrate the wonderful scenery of those valleys which branch off from the main Calder Valley.

11<sup>th</sup> December **50th ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY**



Refreshments, Christmas raffle and a fantastic film!



**DELICATESSEN** France 1991 1h 39min (French with English subtitles)

**Directors:** Marc Caro, Jean-Pierre Jeunet **With:** Marie-Laure Dougnac, Dominique Pinon, Pascal Benezec

A critically acclaimed & award winning post-apocalyptic surrealist black comedy about the landlord of an apartment building who occasionally prepares a delicacy for his odd tenants.

"Increasingly inventive as it progresses, Jeunet and Caro's fast, funny feature debut entertains from sinister start to frantic finish." Geoff Andrew **Time Out**

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22<sup>nd</sup> January **RAMS** (Hrútar) Iceland/Denmark/Norway/Poland 2016 1h 33min



(Icelandic with English subtitles)

**Director:** Grímur Hákonarson **With:** Sigurður Sigurjónsson, Theodór Júlíusson

In a remote Icelandic farming valley, two brothers who haven't spoken in 40 years have to come together in order to save what's dearest to them - their sheep.

"hilarious and heartbreaking" Mark Kermode **The Guardian**

5<sup>th</sup> February **DANGEROUS LIAISONS** USA/UK 1988 1h 59min



**Director:** Stephen Frears **With:** Glenn Close, John Malkovich, Michelle Pfeiffer

Three times Oscar winner (Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Costume Design and Best Art Direction):

In 18th century France, the Marquise de Merteuil and the Vicomte de Valmont play a dangerous game of seduction. Valmont is someone who measures success by the number of his conquests and Merteuil challenges him to seduce the soon to be married Cecile de Volanges and provide proof in writing of his success.

"Tantalizingly wicked -- watching it makes the colour rise to your cheeks."

Hal Hinson **The Washington Post**