

BRITISH FEDERATION OF FILM SOCIETIES

APRIL NEWSREEL

NEWS

BFFS FUNDING CAMPAIGN

BFFS has had its grant-in-aid funding summarily cut. For further details and to join the campaign for re-instatement of this vital revenue funding visit:

bffs.org.uk/newsandevents/news/BFFSfundingcuts.html

BFFS SPRING NATIONAL VIEWING SESSION, 21ST MAY, SOUTH HILL PARK, BRACKNELL – BOOKINGS OPEN

BFFS is delighted to announce that bookings for the Spring National Viewing Session on 21st May 2011, at South Hill Park, Bracknell, are now open.

The SNVS will enable film societies and community cinemas to come together at a weekend to focus on film, whilst enjoying conversations and networking with other groups.

Titles confirmed so far:

- [Ballast](#)
- [Benda Bilili!](#)
- [Into Eternity](#)
- [Life, Above All](#)
- [Mammuth](#)
- [My Dog Tulip](#)
- [The Great White Silence](#)

As we expect demand for this event to be high, we have limited places to 4 per organisation. Places will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, so be sure to return your application form asap.

For more information, or to download an application form, visit:

<http://bffs.org.uk/newsandevents/news/SNVSbookings.html>

BFFS BOARD ELECTIONS – COMING SOON

In the coming months BFFS will be asking for nominations for potential board candidates in preparation for our officer elections. Keep your eyes open for nomination emails.

COUNTDOWN TO ZERO - DEMAND ZERO DAY

Directed by Academy Award® nominated Lucy Walker (*Blindsight*), *Countdown to Zero* traces the history of the atomic bomb from its origins to present day global affairs. It makes a compelling case for worldwide nuclear disarmament and features an impressive array of speakers.

Demand Zero Day will see audiences across UK and Ireland watch the film simultaneously before linking up live to BAFTA's panel featuring Queen Noor of Jordan, ex-CIA operative Valerie Plame and Tarantino's Producer, Lawrence Bender. Take up the baton by bringing the premiere to your doorstep as an Ambassador. Visit www.countdowntozerofilm.com to find out how.

FUNDING NEWS

FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY CINEMAS AND FILM SOCIETIES IN THE NORTH WEST REGION

Run a major film festival, film archive, film education project, rural film club or community cinema in the North West? Northwest Vision and Media want to hear from you. Visit:

http://www.visionandmedia.co.uk/NewsDetail/VisionMedia_Lottery_Funding_Film_Culture_Programme/2791/14.aspx

Deadline for application: 23rd May, 1pm.

FILM SOCIETY NEWS

DEVON CORNWALL NETWORK VIEWING SESSION - REACTIONS

The audience reactions from the Devon Cornwall Network Viewing Session can be found here:

http://bffs.org.uk/export/sites/bffs_site/pdf/SW_Reactions.pdf

Loose Cannons is available soon from BFFS. To download programme notes go to:

<http://bffs.org.uk/newsandevents/news/screeningdaysreactions.html>

EVENTS

BFFS SOUTH WEST GROUP

- BFFS South West Group Spring Viewing Session and AGM : 1st May 2011, Electric Picture House, Wotton Under Edge

BFFS YORKSHIRE GROUP

- BFFS Yorkshire Group Viewing Session: 22nd May 2011, National Media Museum, Bradford
- BFFS Yorkshire Group AGM: 19th June, The Courthouse, Otley
- BFFS Yorkshire Group Residential Weekend: 2nd - 5th December 2011, Cober Hill Conference Centre, Scarborough

FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS

- [East End Film Festival](#) : 27 April-2 May
- [Palestine Film Festival](#) : 29 Apr-11 May
- [3rd Annual Terracotta Festival](#) : 5-8 May
- [LIDF](#) - The London International Documentary Festival : 5-15 May
- [Deafest](#) : 20-22 May
- [Edinburgh International Film Festival](#) : 15-26 June

NEW RELEASES

[Jig](#): Arrow Films, 6 May

[My Dog Tulip](#): Axiom Films, 6 May

[Amreeka](#): Dogwoof, 13 May

[Life, Above All](#): Peccadillo Pictures, 27 May

BFFS BOOKING SCHEME NEWS

The Arrow Collection

BFFS is very excited to be able to include nearly 60 new titles in our Booking Scheme catalogue courtesy of our long-standing partners, Arrow Films. Whether you're looking for the best of world cinema, French classics from Chabrol and Godard or even 70's American sci-fi, you're sure to find a film for your audience. For the full list of new titles, go to the BFFS website: [Arrow Collection](#)

Featured Arrow Titles

An Ordinary Execution

Marc Dugain | France | 2010 | 105 mins

Adapted from the director's own novel, this atmospheric drama tells the fictional tale of Anna, a young doctor rumoured to have a healing 'aura', who is called upon by Stalin to be his personal physician.

Beyond Silence

Caroline Line | Germany | 1996 | 109 mins

Lara is relied upon by her deaf parents to be their link to the hearing world. She translates everything from the TV to meetings with teachers and is clearly cherished by her doting parents. When she shows unusual talent for the clarinet she must make a choice between pursuing a career of her own or continuing her role as carer.

Departures

Yojiro Takita | Japan | 2008 | 125 mins

The 2009 Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film sees Diago move back to his home town after the orchestra in which he plays cello is disbanded. He finds another job but faces the disapproval of his wife and peers.

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