

BRITISH FEDERATION OF FILM SOCIETIES

DECEMBER NEWSREEL

NEWS

NEW CHAIR FOR BFFS BOARD

Guy Thomas is the new Chair of the BFFS Board of Trustees. Based in London, Guy has been working as part of the BFFS board for two years, previously holding the role of Vice-Chair.

We welcome Guy to his new role and thank Claire Elliott for her hard work over the last year.

BFFS VACANCY – MANAGING DIRECTOR

BFFS is currently seeking a Managing Director to continue to develop the organisation and to widen its influence and profile. We are seeking a strategic thinker with outstanding leadership skills, strong organisational abilities and excellent communication skills.

For more information go to <http://bffs.org.uk/aboutus/Vacancies.html>

BFI MEMBER GOVERNOR ELECTION

BFI Members and Sight & Sound subscribers have until Tuesday 20th of December to vote for a new BFI Member Governor. Two places are reserved on the BFI Board for Governors who have been elected by BFI Members and subscribers, one of which should be based outside of London and the South East. BFFS is backing Donna Anton for the post. Donna is the only candidate to address the need to represent BFI members' interests to the Board in her supporting statement.

Visit the [BFI website](#) to read all candidate supporting statements and find out how to vote.

FILM NEWS

SOUND IT OUT ACHIEVES FUNDRAISING TARGET

In the last Newsreel we asked for your help to get *Sound It Out* into cinemas. We are very excited to report that the documentary has achieved its target and is now on theatrical release. For screenings near you, check <http://www.sounditoutdoc.com/?p=3182>.

Sound it Out will be available from the BFFS Booking Scheme from February 2012.

ICO SCREENING DAYS REACTION SCORES

Full audience reaction scores from the latest ICO Screening Days weekend in Nottingham can be found on the BFFS website. BFFS choice, *Dreams of a Life* achieved smashing score of 71.9%, and left barely a dry eye in the house.

[View the audience reactions score](#)

[Download programme notes for Dreams of a Life](#)

FILM SOCIETY NEWS

BFFS SOUTH WEST AUTUMN VIEWING SESSION

A hundred delegates descended on Matthews Hall in Topshop for the latest BFFS South West Group Viewing Session. They were treated to a strong selection of films, including BFFS Booking

Scheme title, *Incendies*, Jim Loach's *Oranges and Sunshine* and international award winner *A Separation*. *Mao's Last Dancer* came out on top of the audience reaction index, closely followed by *Incendies*.

[Read the full report by South West group secretary Brian Clay](#)

[See the full reaction index](#)

KESWICK FILM CLUB CONFIRM TITLES FOR THE 13TH KESWICK FILM FESTIVAL

The 'Friendly Film Festival' will take place on 23rd-26th February 2012. The latest titles to be confirmed include *An Englishman in New York*, *In Love with Alma Cogan* and *Lou*. Winner of three British Independent Film Awards, *Tyrannosaur* will also be shown over the weekend. Sign up to their [newsletter](#) for more information or head to www.keswickfilmclub.org/kff/

SELECTED TITLES LIST

Don't forget, if you are struggling to find the rights-holder for a film, our [Selected New Releases List](#) is a great starting point, and contains the contact details for many distributors.

BFFS BOOKING SCHEME NEWS

NEW CATALOGUE ONLINE NOW

[Download the latest BFFS Booking Scheme Catalogue](#) – view all the latest additions to the scheme, see which films are available on Blu-ray and which posters are available from BFFS.

WE WERE HERE SHORTLISTED FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY OSCAR

BFFS are delighted that [We Were Here](#) has made the shortlist for the 2012's best documentary Oscar, from which 5 nominees will be selected. The full list of nominations will be announced on the 24th of January. *We Were Here* is the fascinating and moving story of the AIDS crisis in San Francisco in the late 70's, as told by five people who witnessed its devastating effects first hand.

We Were Here is available to book now from BFFS.

PREVIEW THE RED MACHINE

BFFS and the makers of *The Red Machine* are offering programmers the chance to preview the film in your own home prior to programming. [The Red Machine](#) is an intense thriller about a disgraced spy for the U.S. Navy and a jailed safecracker who team up to steal the secret of the Japanese version of the Enigma machine.

'Here's a film with an elegant simplicity. Not a shot doesn't do its work. It may remind you of a '40s B crime movie, and I mean that as a compliment' says Roger Ebert.

Please email info@bffs.org.uk if you would like to request a preview screener.

NEW TITLES

NETWORK RELEASING

We are very pleased to be able to welcome a new distributor to the BFFS Booking Scheme. Network Releasing is home to titles as diverse as classic French short [The Red Balloon](#) to recent Mexican debut [Abel](#), Chilean comedy [Tony Manero](#) and biographical British drama [I Know you Know](#).

[Circo](#)

First-time director Aaron Schock presents an intimate portrait of a Mexican family struggling to stay together despite mounting debt, dwindling audiences and a simmering family conflict that threatens this once vibrant family tradition.

Rumba

Fiona and Dom are teachers at a rural school. They share a passion for Latin dance and they're deeply in love. On weekends, they enter competitions around the country but after a car accident leaves Fiona unable to walk and Dom with no short-term memory, the couple must learn to adapt to their new lives.

[See the full BFFS & Network catalogue](#)

COMING SOON - EUROPE'S FINEST

BFFS is pleased to be adding titles from the comprehensive catalogue of Europe's Finest. Europe's Finest distribute a broad selection of cinematic masterpieces, including European film classics and contemporary art house films. Upcoming titles include:

A Ship Bound for India (A Ship to India): Ingmar Bergman | 1947 | Sweden | 98mins

The Bride of Glomdal: Carl Theodor Dreyer | 1926 | Norway/ Sweden | 70mins (TBC)

Wrong Rosary (Uzak ihtimal): Mahmut Fazil Coskun | 2009 | Turkey | 90mins

COMING SOON FROM TASKOVSKI FILMS

Cultures of Resistance: Iara Lee | 2010 | USA

EVENTS

FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS

[London Short Film Festival](#) 6th – 15th January

[Keswick Film Festival](#) 23rd – 26th February

[Exposures Moving Image Festival](#) 21st – 23rd February

[Fort William Mountain Film Festival](#) 15th – 19th February

[Glasgow Film Festival](#) 5th – 15th February

NEW RELEASES

[Dreams of a Life](#) (Dogwoof) 16th December

[A Useful Life](#) (Dogwoof) 13th January

REMINDERS

REMINDER: POSTER HIRE SERVICE

The BFFS poster collection now includes a wide range of newer titles, available to BFFS Members and Associates for rates starting at just £5 for 5. Higher rates apply for Affiliates/non-members. Check the [website](#) for more information and to view the [new additions](#)

GET CONNECTED

BFFS have compiled a list of organisations that are using social networks such as Twitter and Facebook. See the list on the [BFFS website](#) and get talking to your fellow community cinema volunteers. If you'd like to be added to the list please send a link to your pages to bryony.bffs@googlemail.com

UPDATES

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE IN JANUARY

Keep an eye on your inbox for Joining/Renewal forms, which will be sent out in early January. Members and Associates of BFFS gain access to benefits including access to the BFFS Booking Scheme, public liability and equipment insurance discounts, and reduced rates of entry to national and regional events. Becoming a member also helps sustain BFFS, allowing us to continue to represent and support the interests of community cinemas and film societies at the national level.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING DATES

The BFFS office will close on the 21st December and open on the 4th January 2012. The Operations team wish you a very merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

If you would like to receive this newsletter in PDF form, please email bryony.bffs@googlemail.com

THE BFFS TEAM