

BRITISH FEDERATION OF FILM SOCIETIES

JULY NEWSREEL

NEWS

UPDATE ON BFFS FUNDING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to Members, Associates, Affiliates and all Supporters for the many hundreds of letters sent to Ed Vaizey at the DCMS and copied to MPs the length and breadth of the land. You certainly made an impact - we understand that the DCMS felt 'bombarded' and questions have been raised. We continue to apply pressure for revenue funding via a number of routes, and we recognise we would not have had this chance to raise the profile of the sector and the importance of supporting it without such a huge wealth of responses and case studies from such a broad cross-section of supporters.

Although one of the central goals of the campaign - to get our old contract with the UK Film Council honoured for its final year - has not been successful, we have firmly put community cinema on the agenda of national film policy and strategy.

In order to capitalise on this momentum, we are now focusing on a future partnership with the BFI as the lead agency for film in the UK, with the anticipation that this should bring with it the necessary revenue funding to deliver support for Cinema for All.

DCMS FILM POLICY REVIEW CONSULTATION

BFFS continues to lobby for support for the community cinema sector and we will be providing input to the Film Policy Review panel as they collect views on where film policy needs to be changed to better support the UK film sector.

We wish the review to take fully into account Community Cinema in all its forms, and we'd encourage all film societies and community cinemas to respond to the public consultation at

www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/8240.aspx describing themselves as a Film Society or Community Cinema (under Other) and with particular attention to the sections on 'Exhibition' and 'Audience Development, Education and Heritage', where we believe the sector's work has such an important impact. BFFS will shortly publish its own response to the consultation on the BFFS website. This response will address the issues pertinent to film societies and community cinemas, including access to diverse titles, format availability and funding for the sector.

2011 NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY CINEMAS AND FILM SOCIETY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

17TH-18TH SEPTEMBER, INSTITUT FRANCAIS, LONDON

We are delighted to be returning to the Institut Francais in South Kensington, London . As usual, the weekend will be a mix of film screenings, training sessions and networking. The theme of this year's conference will be the Volunteer. Bookings will be opening at the end of July.

FSOY APPLICATIONS OPEN

Applications are now open for the 2011 Film Society of the Year Awards. Head to the [BFFS website](#) to see details of how to apply for the awards, including the inaugural **Filmbank Audience Award**, which gives your organisation the chance to win £1000. The Award ceremony will be held in the Cine Lumiere at the Institut Francais on the early evening of 17th September.

BFFS BOARD ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

BFFS has two Appointed Trustee positions which are vacant / soon to be expiring.

To fill those positions, BFFS is calling for expressions of interest. To express your interest in being appointed to the position of Trustee, please contact BFFS for an appointment form. The deadline for the appointed positions is **1st September**.

BFFS has two Elected Trustee positions which are vacant / soon to be expiring.

To fill those positions, in accordance with our Articles of Association, BFFS will be holding an election by paper ballot, in which Member organisations may nominate candidates and vote for their choice of representatives. Please contact info@bffs.org.uk for a nomination pack. The deadline for the elected positions is **5th August**.

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

FUNDING NEWS

COMMUNITY+RURAL CINEMA FUND

Vision+Media have a limited amount of funding to invest in developing specialised film audiences in local communities, particularly those in rural areas in west and north Cumbria, Cheshire and Pennine Lancashire. Expressions of interest are invited from film societies and community cinemas wishing to expand their specialised film provision and develop audiences through diverse and innovative annual programmes of specialised film. There is no deadline for applications.

For further information please email deborahp@visionandmedia.co.uk or call 0161 281 4340.

FILM NEWS

PECCADILLO PICTURES TAKE LGBT FILMS ON TOUR

When the London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival tour was cancelled this year, Peccadillo Pictures stepped in to make sure audiences around the country could still have access to the latest LGBT films via the POUT tour. To see which films are on offer and where you can see them head to www.peccapics.com/View/id,254

BOBBY FISCHER AGAINST THE WORLD ON THE DOGWOOF AMBASSADOR SCHEME

Bobby Fischer Against the World is the new documentary exploring the complex life of the troubled genius whose evolution from chess prodigy to global superstar, angry recluse and finally fugitive from the law, is a spellbinding story of the making and unmaking of an American icon.

Through their Ambassador programme Dogwoof are encouraging film societies and community cinemas to screen the film alongside commercial cinemas. Why not join forces with your local chess club for a special screening? The English Chess Federation are supporting the release of the film, check their website to find a club near you. Contact Anna Sissons (sissons@dogwoof.com) to find out how you can get involved. Read more about the film at www.dogwoof.com.

TREACLE JR. RELEASED THIS WEEK

Spring National Viewing Session title, Treacle Jr is released in cinemas this week. Sight & Sound have made it their Film of the Month saying, “...a funny/sad story of odd-couple social mis-fits... it’s a lovely film, tender and funny, with a splendidly judged performance from Aidan Gillen.”

BFFS BOOKING SCHEME NEWS

AXIOM TITLES NOW AVAILABLE

Critically acclaimed titles including *Cold Weather*, *Ballast*, *Passenger Side* and *Easier with Practice* are available now. Other titles such as Spring National Viewing Session hit, *My Dog Tulip* will be available later in the year. Read details of the films here: www.axiomfilms.co.uk/

THE BEST OF WORLD CINEMA AND CLASSICS FROM ARROW

Make sure to take a look at our expanded collection of Arrow titles which includes the beautiful Japanese Oscar winner *Departures* alongside French New Wave classics from Godard, Chabrol and Rohmer as well as one of Jules Dassin’s best films, *Brute Force*, starring Burt Lancaster in one of his first major roles.

[Download the new Arrow Collection](#)

NEW QUALITY TITLES FROM TRINITY

We are very excited to be able to offer some fantastic new titles from Trinity Films including Spring National Viewing Session favourite *Benda Bilili!*, Oscar nominated *Incendies* and the yet to be released titles *Jack Goes Boating* – the directorial debut from Phillip Seymour Hoffman and *Beautiful Lies*, a new romantic comedy starring Audrey Tautou.

[Download the Full BFFS Booking Scheme Catalogue](#)

OFFERS

WRS INSURANCE OFFER

Did you know that BFFS Members and Associates can receive discounts on their insurance through WRS Insurance? See the attached flyer for more information or contact Tanya on tanya@wrsinsurance.co.uk for more information or a quote.

EVENTS

BFFS EVENTS

- 2011 BFFS National Conference: 17-18th September, Institut Francais, London
- 2011 Film Society of the Year Awards: 17th September, Cine Lumiere, London
- BFFS Yorkshire Group Residential Weekend: 2nd - 5th December 2011, Cober Hill Conference Centre, Scarborough

FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS

- [Rushes Soho Short Film Festival 2011](#): 20th- 29th July
- [Chichester International Film Festival 2011](#): 18th August - 4th September
- [Frightfest 2011](#): 25th-29th August
- [London International Animation Festival 2011](#): 26th August- 4th September
- [British Urban Film Festival](#) 3rd-5th September

- [Walthamstow Int Film Festival](#) 10th-12th September
- [Berwick Film and Media Arts Festival](#) 23rd-25th September
- [Crystal Palace Int Film Festival](#) 20th-30th September
- [Raintance Film Festival](#) 28th September – 9th October

NEW RELEASES

- [Bobby Fischer Against the World](#) (Dogwoof) 15th July
- [Treacle Jr](#) (Soda Pictures) 15th July
- [Break My Fall](#) (Peccadillo Pictures) 22nd July
- [Poetry](#) (ICO/Arrow) 29th July
- [Beautiful Lies](#) (Trinity Filmed Entertainment) 12th August
- [The Interrupters](#) (Dogwoof) 12th August

REMINDERS

BFFS COMMUNITY EXHIBITOR SURVEY

This year's survey has already been sent out to all community cinemas and film societies. If we've missed you out, please get in touch, or go to the [BFFS website](#) for more details.

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

THE BFFS TEAM