

## **BRITISH FEDERATION OF FILM SOCIETIES OCTOBER 2010 e-NEWSREEL**

### **NEWS**

#### **BFFS CHAIR RESIGNATION ANNOUNCED**

The BFFS Board regretfully announce that BFFS Chair Donna Anton has tendered her resignation from the Board due to pressure of other work commitments.

Donna says, "It has been a unique privilege to serve as Chair of a national charitable organisation, particularly one with such a passionate membership and sense of purpose as BFFS. I have enjoyed working with everyone I've met, while gaining an incomparable education on the ins and outs of grass-roots community cinema exhibition across the UK."

The Board wish Donna every success in her role as Director of the Cornwall Film Festival.

There is now a vacancy for an Elected Trustee to the Board. Details of how to stand for election to the BFFS Board has been mailed to all full Members. Please contact [info@bffs.org.uk](mailto:info@bffs.org.uk) if you have not yet received your pack.

#### **RADIO 4'S THE FILM PROGRAMME SEARCH FOR LOCAL FILM HEROES**

In January, Radio 4 will be running a fortnight-long season of programmes devoted to film. One of its themes will be the connection of film to our lives, our histories and communities.

Friend of BFFS, Francine Stock, said on Radio 4's Film Programme; "Recently at the Film Programme, we've heard about an astounding growth in groups of people getting together to watch films locally. So in the weeks leading up to this season, we'd love to hear from you about specific places and people who make that grass-roots film experience possible – and then we can hear from them: an audio 'snapshot' of some of the most lively and memorable places to watch film around the country.

"We want to hear about your local film heroes... And soon. So we can get out to visit you, we need suggestions by October 14."

Here at BFFS we know how much volunteer effort goes into producing programmes that will engage community audiences in a venue that gives them the best possible viewing experience. Don't hide your lights under a bushell! Contact the Film Programme with your suggestions for film heroes here [www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/the-film-programme/contact/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/the-film-programme/contact/)

#### **FILM SOCIETY OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2010**

Listen to an extract from Francine Stock's opening address in which she talks about the unique experience and pleasure gained from watching films with other people, and the role of community cinema in filling the gap between multiplex and home cinemas.

<http://bffs.org.uk/awards/FSOY10.html>

#### **NEW FEATURED COMMUNITY EXHIBITOR – BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL FILM SOCIETY**

Visit the BFFS website to read all about the group recently named as Film Society of the Year 2010. Read about their massive range of films taken from 32 different countries, their partnerships with local organisations and their efforts to bring unseen films to this hugely diverse city.

To read about past featured exhibitors, click [here](#).

#### **CINEMA MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW AUTUMN SEASON**

The Cinema Museum is a charitable organisation founded in 1986. The Cinema Museum houses items

relating to everything from film production, film exhibition and the experience of cinema-going. As part of a new fundraising campaign that aims to secure the Museum's future, the Cinema Museum has announced its first season of film screenings and live talks presented by key film industry figures and film historians. The museum is located in Kennington, London close to Elephant and Castle. Further details on the venue can be found here: <http://www.cinemamuseum.org.uk/>

## BFFS BOOKING SCHEME NEWS

### EDUCATION MATTERS

Picking up on the BFFS National Conference theme of Education here are some BFFS Booking Scheme titles with suggestions for education activities.

**On the Edge of the Forest:** Renowned economist and environmentalist E F Schumacher makes a powerful plea for common sense and good planetary behaviour. Available for community screenings in collaboration with Nicola Schumacher and Practical Action, this rare and extraordinary piece of filmmaking by one of the visionaries of the 20th century, would make an excellent starter for any discussion examining the environment, perhaps in conjunction with a local environmental group.

For full information about this film [www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/eof.html](http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/eof.html)

**Pig Business:** In this shocking and provocative film, Tracy Worcester sets out to discover who's paying the true price for the cheap pork for sale in Britain's supermarkets. Depending on your location and her availability, it may be possible to have Pig Business' director, Tracy Worcester come and speak at your screening. Alternatively, contact the local branch of an environmentally-focussed action group, eg Compassion in World Farming, Friends of the Earth, Soil Association, Centre for Food Safety, Campaign to Protect Rural England.

For full information about this film and tips on holding a discussion: [www.pigbusiness.co.uk/](http://www.pigbusiness.co.uk/)

### NEW TO THE BFFS BOOKING SCHEME

**Outlanders:** We welcome a British independent film that has received awards from festivals around the world. Described by Mike Hodges as 'Gripping...wonderfully acted, beautifully shot and edited. A film with heart and soul.', Outlanders tells the story of a young Polish man's journey into the murky world of London's illegal migrant workers.

Through an innovation aimed at increasing the educative value of a screening, the BFFS Booking Scheme allows you to screen the 'making of' featurette (usually excluded from screening rights) so you can show this to your audience after the main feature has screened as part of a discussion.

Writer-director Dominic Lees is also available to introduce screenings and attend Q&As.

## FUNDING NEWS

### RIFE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - FILM EXHIBITION PROJECTS

Screen Yorkshire distributes Regional Investment Fund for England (RIFE) lottery awards on behalf of the UK Film Council. Following the call for applications in July, Screen Yorkshire is now seeking to award a final £35,000 of RIFE lottery for the year 2010/11. There are 2 strands of funding within this call:

- 1) Audience Development.
- 2) North Yorkshire Digital Cinema - Programme Enrichment

#### 1. Audience Development

The fund will support and extend the provision, promotion and interpretation of specialised and mainstream film in the region. Screen Yorkshire aims to increase access and opportunities for audiences to experience a diverse range of moving image culture. The fund is primarily aimed at cinemas, festivals, film

archives and non-theatrical exhibition sector (mobile cinema and film societies); however other organisations with appropriate projects are also welcome to apply.

## **2. North Yorkshire Digital Cinema: Programme Enrichment**

Following the launch of North Yorkshire Digital Cinema (NYDC) - a new programme of film activity funded by the UK Film Council's Rural Cinema Pilot Scheme - Screen Yorkshire is seeking applications to deliver activity building on and enhancing the work of NYDC across North Yorkshire.

### **NYDC has 3 main strands:**

- Industry standard digital projection at Whitby Pavilion
- A village hall cinema network in the west of the county
- Support for Film Societies and community cinemas

### **Deadline for applications: 1st November 2010.**

For enquiries please contact: Jay Arnold, Head of Cultural Sector Investment 0113 2944410  
[jay@screenyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:jay@screenyorkshire.co.uk)

## **EVENTS**

### **BFFS SOUTH WEST VIEWING SESSIONS**

The BFFS South West Group is holding two viewing sessions this autumn at opposite ends of its elongated region - a Film Day in Torquay followed two weeks later by the usual Autumn Viewing Session in the east in Warminster....

### **Devon/Cornwall Network - An Open Day with Films - Torbay Museum, Saturday 23rd October**

Following the success of their Film WbySW project, the SW Group have been awarded a RIFE Lottery grant to develop contacts between new and existing Film Societies and Community Cinemas in Devon and Cornwall. In collaboration with Torbay Film Club, an Open Day has been arranged at Torbay Museum that includes film screenings (**Skeletons**, **Mother**, **Restrepo**, **The Secret in Their Eyes**) And the opportunity to discuss the future development of the Network. Contact Hans Hoffbauer for an application form or email [hans.hoffbauer@ntlworld.com](mailto:hans.hoffbauer@ntlworld.com).

### **SW Autumn Viewing Session - The Athenaeum, Warminster, Sunday 7th November**

A strong line-up of six titles is headed up by the Oscar-winning **The Secret in Their Eyes** from Argentina and the over-looked British comedy **Skeletons**. Also featured is the latest release from the BFFS Booking scheme, a stunning documentary on the war in Afghanistan, **Restrepo**, only just released in cinemas.

Applications to Hans at the email address above by Monday 1st November.

For further details of both events see the SW website [www.bffssouthwest.org.uk](http://www.bffssouthwest.org.uk)

### **ICO SCREENING DAYS**

Saturday 13, Sunday 14 & Monday 15 November 2010  
Cornerhouse, Manchester

Registration for the ICO Autumn Screening Days is now open. Titles confirmed so far include: [Animal Kingdom](#), [Biutiful](#), [The Debt](#), [The King's Speech](#), [Loose Cannons](#), [Neds](#) and [West is West](#).

For further information and to download a registration form please visit: <http://www.independentcinemaoffice.org.uk/screeningdays-nov2010.htm>

## **FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS, FESTIVALS**

- [London Film Festival](#) : 13-29 October
- [Kent College and Pembury Film Festival](#) : 15-18 October
- [Purbeck Film Festival](#) : 5-30 October
- Sherborne International Film Festival 2010 : 22-24 October
- [Bath Film Festival](#) : 29 October-7 November
- [Cornwall Film Festival](#) : 5-7 November
- [Encounters Film Festival](#) : 16-21 November

## **NEW RELEASES**

- [Involuntary](#) – Trinity Filmed Entertainment: Released 29 October
- [This Prison Where I Live](#) – Dogwoof: Released 29 October
- [Fit](#) – Peccadillo Pictures: Released 05 November
- [The Edge of Dreaming](#) – Cinefile: Released 12 November
- [Into Eternity](#) – Dogwoof: Released 12 November
- [Leap Year](#) – Axiom Films: Released 26 November

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## **THE BFFS TEAM**