

# LEEDS FILM NEWSLETTER



## LIFF Audience Favourites on Leeds Film Player: One Last Deal, Shooting the Mafia & more...

There's still time to enjoy a selection of LIFF audience favourites on Leeds Film Player throughout January. These include [One Last Deal](#), a beautifully shot story of redemption set in the world of art auctions, and [Liza, the Fox-Fairy](#), a deliciously dark comedy which won the LIFF Audience Award in 2015. As every man who desires her starts to die horribly, Liza begins to believe she's a fox fairy from Japanese mythology.

From Cinema Versa, catch [Recorder: The Marion Stokes Project](#), looking at the fascinating life and legacy of Marion Stokes who secretly recorded television 24 hours a day for 30 years. [Shooting the Mafia](#) shines a light on the courageous photojournalist Letizia Battaglia, who captured the brutal reality of the mafia and [The Atom: A Love Affair](#) looks at the West's love-hate relationship with nuclear power.

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### LIFF Selects - New releases on Leeds Film Player in January: Cocoon & more

Films still available to stream on Leeds Film Player until the end of January include the passionate coming-of-age tale [Cocoon](#) (presented with Hyde Park Picture House) and vivid immigrant love story [Ne Hard Feelings](#). There are great Asian films with the profound Indian legal drama [Court](#) and the beautiful Filipino child's eye view drama [Nervous Translation](#). Also, don't miss the dazzling documentary about a visionary artist in [Beyond the Visible: Hilma af Klint](#).



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Available on Leeds Film Player until 31 January 2021



### Four black icons come together in One Night in Miami

The electrifying directorial debut of Regina King (the Oscar-winning actor from *If Beale Street Could Talk* and *Watchmen*) explores an imagined 60s meeting between world heavyweight champion Cassius Clay, his political mentor Malcolm X, legendary soul singer Sam Cooke and NFL star Jim Brown. The four black icons discuss celebrity, civil rights and cultural upheaval in a fascinating screenplay by playwright Kemp Powers.

Watch it on [Amazon Prime](#) from Friday 15 January

### Judi Dench connects with the spirit world in Blithe Spirit

An all-star cast shine in this adaptation of Noel Coward's classic comedy *Blithe Spirit*. In 1930s England, crime novelist Charles is struck by writer's block and turns to a medium for help. After unexpectedly summoning up the ghost of his first wife, Charles must cope with an increasingly complex love triangle with his exasperated current wife Ruth, Starring Dan Stevens, Judi Dench, Leslie Mann and Isla Fisher.



On [Sky Cinema](#) and [Now TV](#) from Friday 15 January



### Dogwoof on Demand: Mayor, MLK/FBI, 76 Days and more

Dogwoof's brilliant line-up of documentaries continues into 2021 with the riveting Palestinian fly on the wall doc [Mayor](#) following Mayor of Ramallah, Must Hadid. Also streaming now is [Sing Me a Song](#), a portrait of a young monk in the mountains of Bhutan. Forthcoming from 15 January is the first film to investigate the harassment of Martin Luther King by the FBI, [MLK/FBI](#) followed by Covid-19 outbreak doc [76 Days](#) on 22 January.

Visit [Dogwoof on Demand](#)

### Hand-picked films from MUBI

Films showing during January in MUBI's selection of acclaimed new features and hidden gems include LIFF audience favourite, [Under The Tree](#), an Icelandic dark comedy about feuding neighbours, the subversive coming-of-age satire [Ham on Rye](#) and Swedish auteur Roy Andersson's mesmerising [About Endlessness](#). Hong Sang-soo's latest minimalist delight [The Woman Who Ran](#) and Angolan diaspora tale [Farewell Amor](#) are also available until this weekend.



Each film is available for 30 days from when it is first featured on MUBI



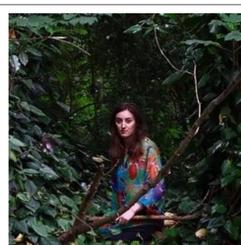
### Curzon Home Cinema: Dear Comrades! & Quo Vadis, Aida?

Two of the most critically acclaimed selections from LIFF 2020 are now streaming on Curzon Home Cinema. Russian filmmaker Andrei Konchalovsky returns with [Dear Comrades!](#), a stylish and clinical expose of Soviet oppression in a small provincial town in 1962. In the riveting [Quo Vadis, Aida?](#), a UN translator faces impossible decisions when the Serbian army takes over her hometown during the 1995 conflict in Bosnia.

From Friday 15 January (*Dear Comrades!*) & Fri 22 January (*Quo Vadis, Aida?*)

### Open Source Arts: Watch Your Mouth! & Assembly House Digital Programme 2020

Two of Leeds's arts and community focussed organisations present special film-based content online in January. Open Source Arts presents [Watch Your Mouth!](#) (Tues 29 - Weds 30 January), featuring short films, animations and documentaries, in an online event exploring the connections between film and spoken word. Artist studio, gallery and projects space Assembly House features locally shot film as part of its [Digital Programme 2020 exhibition](#).



### The Criterion Collection Competition: Win January's releases on Blu-ray

Our exclusive monthly competition gives you the chance to win one of two bundles of the latest Blu-rays from The Criterion Collection. January's releases include *Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story* (2019), *The Tin Drum* (1979) and *Investigation of a Citizen Above Suspicion* (1970). To enter, answer the following question: *Which British rock band were the subject of Martin Scorsese's 2008 concert film Shine a Light?* Please email answers to [leeds.film@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:leeds.film@leeds.gov.uk) by midnight on Sunday 31 January 2021.

Competition open to UK residents only.

### LIFF 2020 Festival Catalogue

There are a limited quantity of LIFF 2020 festival catalogues available to order online while stocks last. The 160-page publication includes expanded information on all feature films in the LIFF 2020 programme, including directors' statements and details of all short films featured. (Please note, catalogues will be posted out in late January, subject to Covid-19 restrictions)



You can also view the LIFF Festival Catalogue as a [PDF](#) on [leedsfilm.com](http://leedsfilm.com).

[Order your LIFF 2020 Catalogue](#)

### Film industry training and opportunities...

The new year brings many fantastic film and TV opportunities, with training for those wanting to get started in the industries, development courses and exciting new roles available:

**Curating Black Cinema:** In this free webinar - open to all - presented by University of Leeds's Arts and Humanities Research Institute, curator and academic Janaina Oliveira shares her experiences of Black film curation in Brazil and beyond.  
*Monday 18 January, 3.30pm - 5pm*

**Ilkley Literature Festival Fringe:** Film is one of the artforms for which proposals are being taken for creative provocations based on the theme of 'Spark' for Chain Reactions, a new cross-artform digital project. Five successful Yorkshire applicants will be awarded £200 each to produce a finished piece. *Apply by Monday 25 January, 5pm*

**New Shoots Q&A with Francis Lee and Johnnie Burn:** For their first online event of 2021, Shooting People presents a free Q&A with LIFF favourite Francis Lee (*God's Own Country*) and sound designer Johnnie Burn (*Under the Skin*). Hear about their work together on *Ammonite*, and their top tips for indie filmmaking. *Wednesday 27 January, 7pm*



### Applications Now Open for the The Channel 4 Production Training Scheme

The Channel 4 Production Training Scheme is open to anyone who wants to learn about what goes into making great television programmes. In 2021/22 they will be offering paid places to entry level talent at one of the UK's independent production companies for 12 months. They are particularly keen to hear from those currently underrepresented in the industry and there are opportunities across the UK including Leeds.

[Apply by Friday 29 January 2021](#)

### Sheffield Doc/Fest - Production Manager: Last chance to apply

Sheffield Doc/Fest has a job opportunity as Production Manager for the festival. The Production Manager will play a key role in delivering all aspects of technical and logistical elements for the festival in June 2021. A technical understanding of film and conference events will be required to ensure all appropriate equipment is provided, schedules are created and agreed, and budgets are adhered to.



[Apply by midday on Friday 15 January](#)

## LEEDSARTS EVENTS&VENUES

### Covid-19 Update

Leeds Film is part of the Leeds Arts, Events & Venues Team, which programmes events at Leeds Town Hall, Millennium Square and Carriageworks Theatre including Leeds International Film Festival, Leeds International Beer Festival and Leeds International Concert Season. Please visit the [Leeds Town Hall](#) website for the latest news and updates about future activities, as they continue to follow the latest government guidance about live events.



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