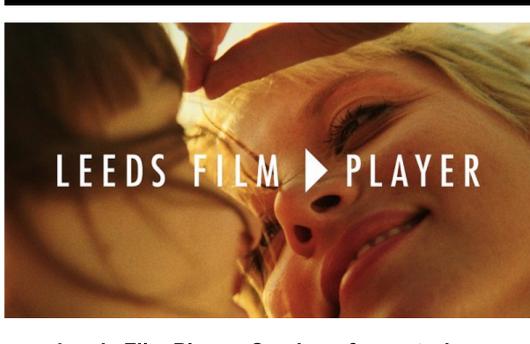


# LEEDS FILM NEWSLETTER



## Leeds Film Player: Coming-of-age stories lead new year-round selection

With Leeds cinemas closed at present, we're bringing you a selection featuring some of the best new international cinema and LIFF audience favourites for you to enjoy over Christmas and into the New Year on Leeds Film Player. There are twelve features now available, including three vibrant and original coming-of-age stories by rising directors.

Presented with Hyde Park Picture House, *Cocoon* is a tender portrait of female adolescence and intimacy from Leonie Krippendorff, set during one sweltering hot summer in Berlin. Pilar Palermo's *Schoolgirls\** is a tale of a young girl whose world is opened up by a new classmate, and Faraz Shariat's *No Hard Feelings* is a moving love story about an Iranian teenager adjusting to life in a small town in Germany.

Available on Leeds Film Player until 31 January 2021  
(\*Schoolgirls is available until 5 January 2021)

[Explore Leeds Film Player](#)

We're partnering with two of our favourite independent UK distributors, Modern Films & Day for Night, for a series of new selections on Leeds Film Player...

### The Traitor, Shooting the Mafia & Beyond the Visible (from Modern Films)

Three titles presented in partnership with Modern Films include the gripping crime drama *The Traitor*, based on the life of Tommaso Buscetta, a Sicilian mobster who turned informer. In *Shooting the Mafia*, the lens also turns to the Mafia, as Kim Longinotto sheds light on a heroic photojournalist, Letizia Battaglia, who exposed their crimes. *Beyond The Visible* explores the life and work of the visionary abstract artist Hilma af Klint.



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Available on Leeds Film Player until 31 January 2021



### Court & Nervous Translation (from Day for Night)

Day for Night have a particularly interesting selection of recent films from emerging directors across Asia, from which we present two selections. These include Chaitanya Tamhane's intelligent, understated Indian Courtroom drama *Court*, in which a folk singer faces trial following a fan's suicide, and Filipino Shireen Seno's beautiful child's eye drama, *Nervous Translation*.

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Available on Leeds Film Player until 31 January 2021

### LIFF Audience Favourites on Leeds Film Player: Liza, The Fox-Fairy and more

We're giving you the chance to see some previous favourites from LIFF on Leeds Film Player. These include *Liza*, *The Fox-Fairy*, a deliciously dark comedy which won the LIFF Audience Award for Best Film and is exclusively available in the UK through Leeds Film Player, Finnish drama *One Last Deal\**, and the fascinating documentaries *Recorder: The Marion Stokes Project* and *The Atom: A Love Affair*.



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Available on Leeds Film Player until 31 January 2021 (\*One Last Deal is available until 27 January 2021)



### 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.

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

[Order your LIFF 2020 Catalogue](#)

Also streaming online this month...

### David Byrne and Spike Lee join forces for American Utopia

A chance to see a LIFF 2020 selection that was sadly cancelled due to venue closures. David Byrne's smash-hit Broadway show is transformed into a thrilling work of cinema by director Spike Lee. *David Byrne's American Utopia* is an exhilarating and euphoric musical tour-de-force where Byrne's solo material and Talking Heads hits are elevated by sleek choreography and immersive camera work.



Stream now through [Amazon](#) and [Google Play](#)



### David Fincher revisits Citizen Kane

David Fincher's first film for Netflix, *Mank*, is a visually breathtaking recreation of the Golden Age of Hollywood. Gary Oldman gives a towering performance as the alcoholic screenwriter Herman J Mankiewicz, as he wrestles with the screenplay for Orson Welles's *Citizen Kane*. Considered by many critics and filmmakers to be the greatest film ever made, *Citizen Kane* is also currently available to watch on BBC iPlayer.

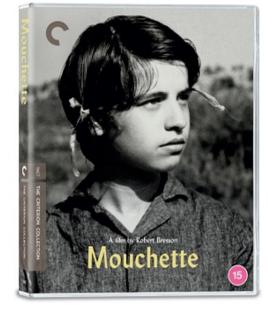
*Mank* is now streaming on [Netflix](#)

### Shannon Murphy's fearless debut Babyteeth

Humorous and heartfelt, this wickedly perverse debut from Shannon Murphy features a whip-smart script, an eclectic soundtrack and a tremendous performance from Eliza Scanlen (*Sharp Objects*). Seriously ill Milla clashes with her parents, who disapprove when she brings home her sketchy new boyfriend. But as Milla's first brush with love brings her a new lust for life, traditional morals go out the window.



Streaming now on [BFI Player](#), [Curzon Home Cinema](#) and [Amazon](#)



### The Criterion Collection Competition: Win November'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. Latest releases include *The New World* (2005), *Mouchette* (1967) and *Symbiopsychotaxiplasm: Two Takes* (1968). To enter, answer the following question: *What is the name of director Terrence Malick's 2011 film starring Brad Pitt and Jessica Chastain?* Please email answers to [leeds.film@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:leeds.film@leeds.gov.uk) by 6 January.

Competition is open to UK residents only

### Hiding in Plain Sight Postcard Gift Set from Hyde Park Picture House

Looking for an extra special gift this Christmas? Hyde Park Picture House's postcard set includes an incredible 70 individual postcards, each featuring a different Leeds cinema drawn by artist Adam Allsuch Boardman, as part of the Picture House's Hiding in Plain Sight project. Cinemas featured include the Clock Cinema in Harehills, Headingley's Lounge Picture House, and Leeds City Centre's Majestic.



[Order your Hiding in Plain Sight gift set](#)



### Screen Yorkshire: Job & Training Opportunities

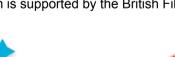
Screen Yorkshire is looking to recruit a [Talent Development Manager](#) with significant experience in film and TV development to join its Creative Programmes team. Screen Yorkshire's [Film & TV Craft Courses](#) are also now open for applications. The five craft courses for lighting, grip, hair & make-up, costume and production assistant (scripted), will be delivered by NFTS (Leeds).

Apply by Mon 18 January 2021

## 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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