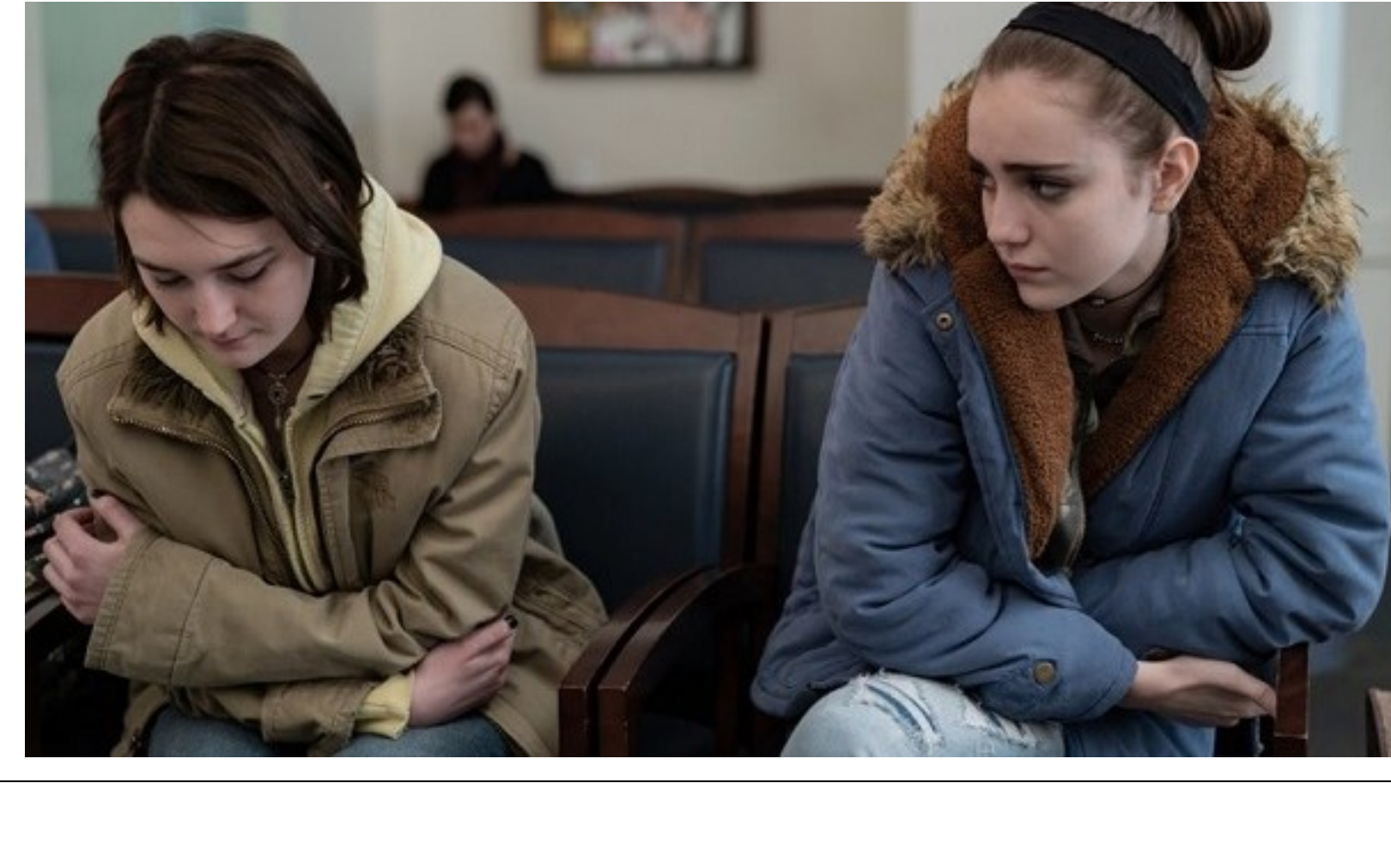


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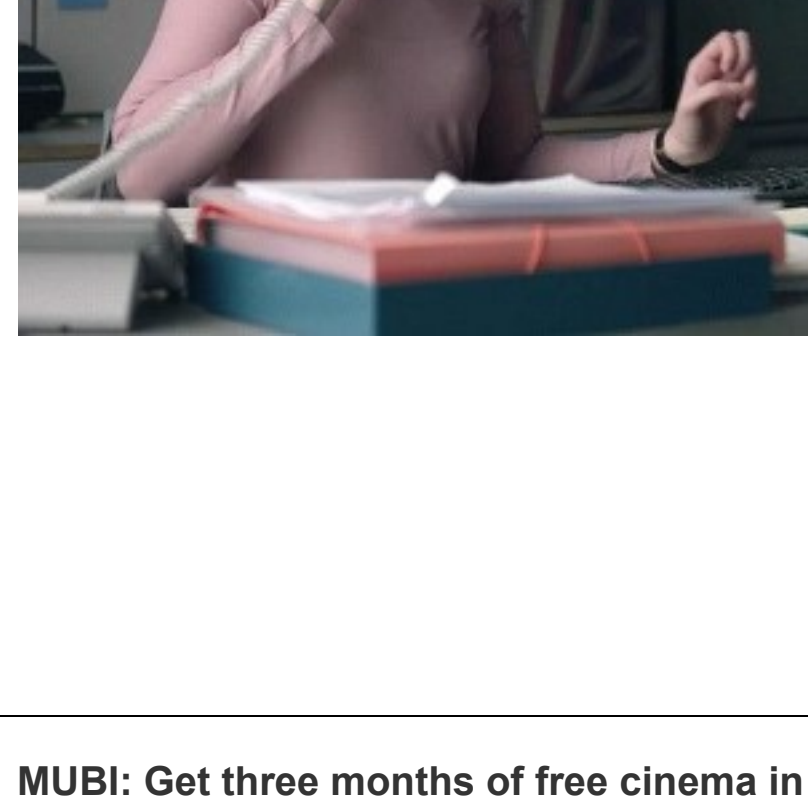
## Never Rarely Sometimes Always: Sundance Award-winning coming-of-age tale

Written and directed by Eliza Hittman (*Beach Rats*), *Never Rarely Sometimes Always* is a profoundly authentic and intimate coming-of-age drama about a US teenager seeking an abortion. Having premiered at Sundance Film Festival in January, the film went on to win the second prize at Berlin Film Festival and has been gaining [rave reviews](#) ever since.

The film follows teenager Autumn (Sidney Flanigan) who travels across state lines to New York City in order to obtain a legal abortion, with the help of her younger cousin Skylar (Talia Ryder). This fraught journey of friendship, bravery and compassion is beautifully captured by cinematographer Hélène Louvart (*Happy as Lazzaro*) and scored by celebrated singer-songwriter Julia Holter. [Watch the trailer](#)

Available to buy now from [Amazon Prime](#) and [iTunes](#), and to rent from **Wed 27 May**.

In this month's Leeds Film Newsletter: 3 months of free MUBI with LIFF, BFI Japan 2020, LIFF Presents: Short Films + Win *Little Women* & more on Blu-ray..



### Kitty Green's hugely acclaimed #MeToo drama *The Assistant*

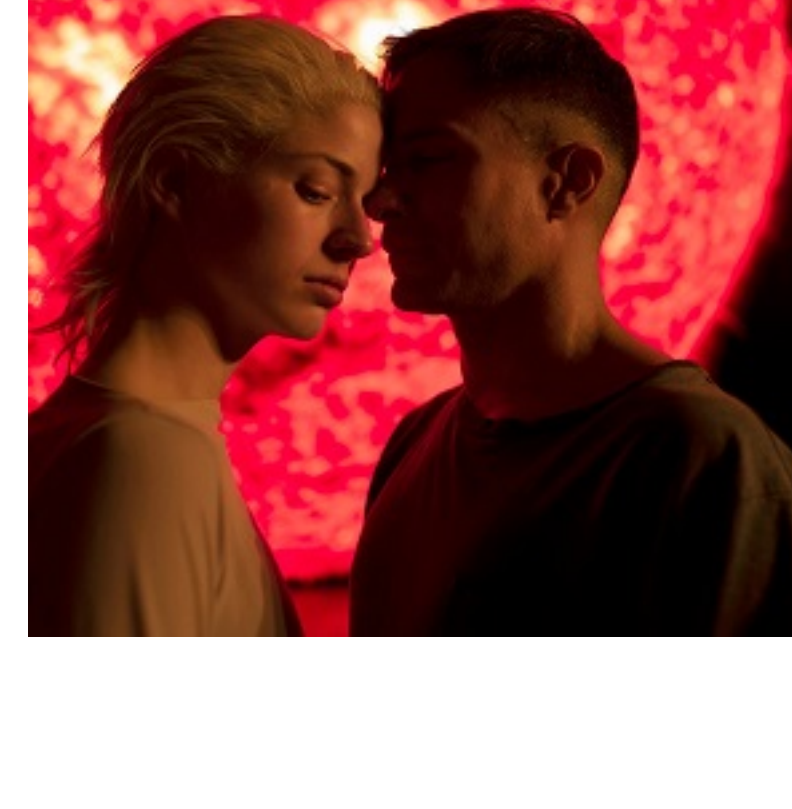
In the wake of the Harvey Weinstein scandal, Kitty Green's timely and thought provoking drama *The Assistant* follows one chilling day in the life of Jane (Julia Garner), an assistant to a powerful movie mogul who is never seen on screen. As Jane becomes increasingly aware of the abuse of power that is clearly ingrained and accepted within the company, she must decide whether to be quietly complicit or to speak out.

Available to rent on [BFI Player](#), [Curzon Home Cinema](#) & [iTunes](#)

### MUBI: Get three months of free cinema in exceptional LIFF offer

MUBI is an ever-changing curation of beautiful, interesting and incredible films. You can now enjoy three months of MUBI entirely free with LIFF. There are new films added to MUBI's hand-picked selection every day and films now showing include *Water Lilies* and *Tomboy*, earlier features by *Portrait of a Lady on Fire* director Céline Sciamma, Pablo Larraín's sensual and explosive *EMA* and Mani Kaul's groundbreaking work of Indian New Wave cinema *Our Daily Bread*.

[Click here to sign up with LIFF](#)



### BFI Japan 2020: Over 100 years of Japanese cinema

A major celebration of Japanese cinema by the BFI launches this month. Originally scheduled to run in venues until September, nine new online collections will appear on BFI Player, with a complementary digital events programme to run on BFI YouTube until cinemas reopen. The season begins with great classics by Akira Kurosawa and Yasujiro Ozu and will go on to feature contemporary visionaries such as Naomi Kawase and Takashi Miike. [Watch the trailer](#) | [Find out more](#)

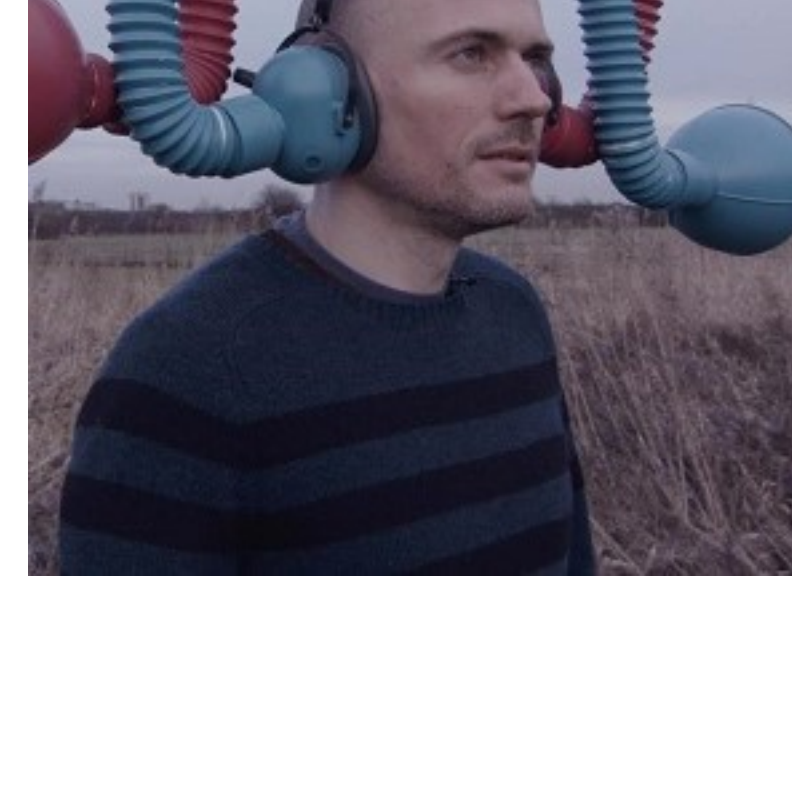
[Begin a free, 14 day trial with BFI Player](#)

### LIFF Presents: Short Films

#### The Reinvention of Normal & more

LIFF is committed to curating special programmes of short films to share with you online while we all miss going to the cinema. The latest include [The Reinvention of Normal](#), inspired by the theme of re-imagining the world around you, [Keep Calm and Fanomenc](#), comedy-horror favourites from the last 10 years of LIFF's genre film selection, and [Tales of Our City](#), warming and insightful films representing the spirit of Leeds.

[Explore LIFF Presents: Short Films](#)



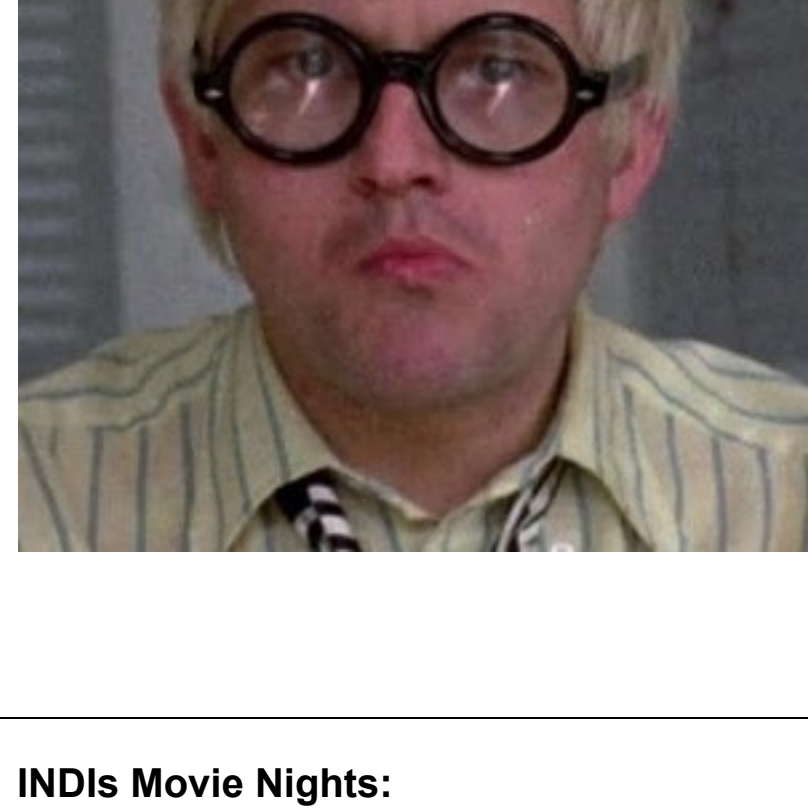
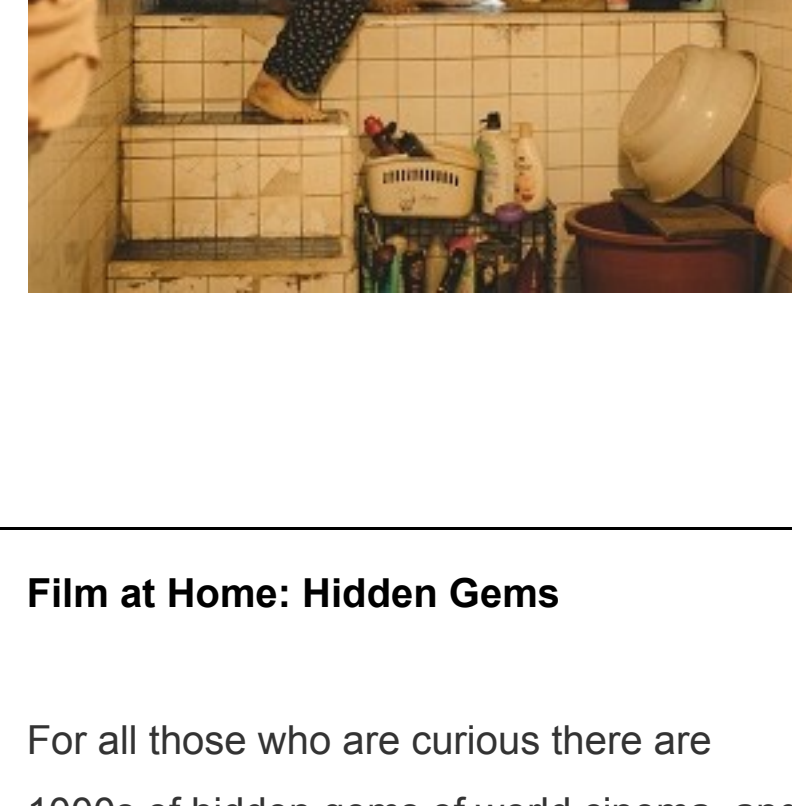
### Film at Home: LIFF Films Now Streaming

Many of the hit films from LIFF 2019 are now available to view online, across platforms including Netflix, BFI Player, Curzon Home Cinema, Amazon Prime and Vimeo. The latest include *Kes Reimagined*, now available on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#). *Fire Will Come*, Oliver Laxe's follow up to *Mimosas*, magnificently shot on 16mm, *System Crasher*, *Dogs Don't Wear Pants* and Cinema Versa selection *The Atom: A Love Affair* are all now streaming.

[View our guide to LIFF Films Now Streaming](#)

### LIFF Presents Films Now Screening: Parasite & More

We were absolutely thrilled to present a special preview of *Parasite* in January, as part of our year-round programme of LIFF Presents screenings. After going on to win the Oscar for Best Picture and receiving an extended international release, Bong Joon Ho's dark satire will be available to view online from 1 June. Other LIFF Presents features now streaming include *Monos*, on multiple platforms, and Pedro Costa's [Vitalina Varela](#) on MUBI.



### Film at Home: Hidden Gems

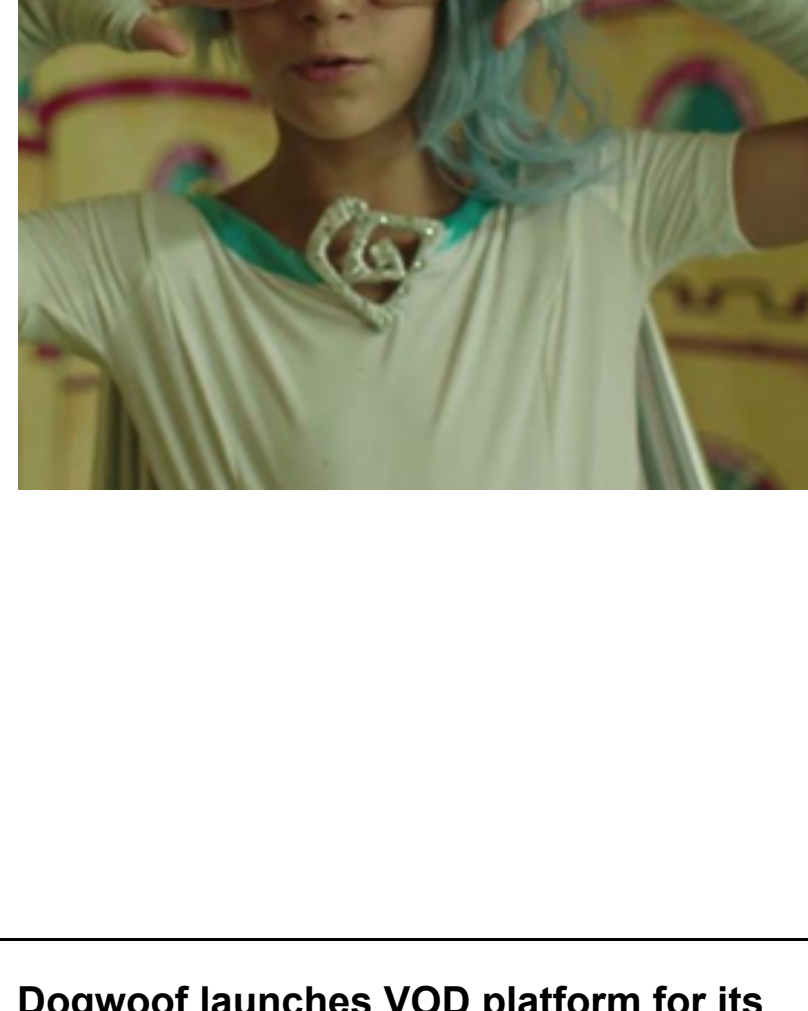
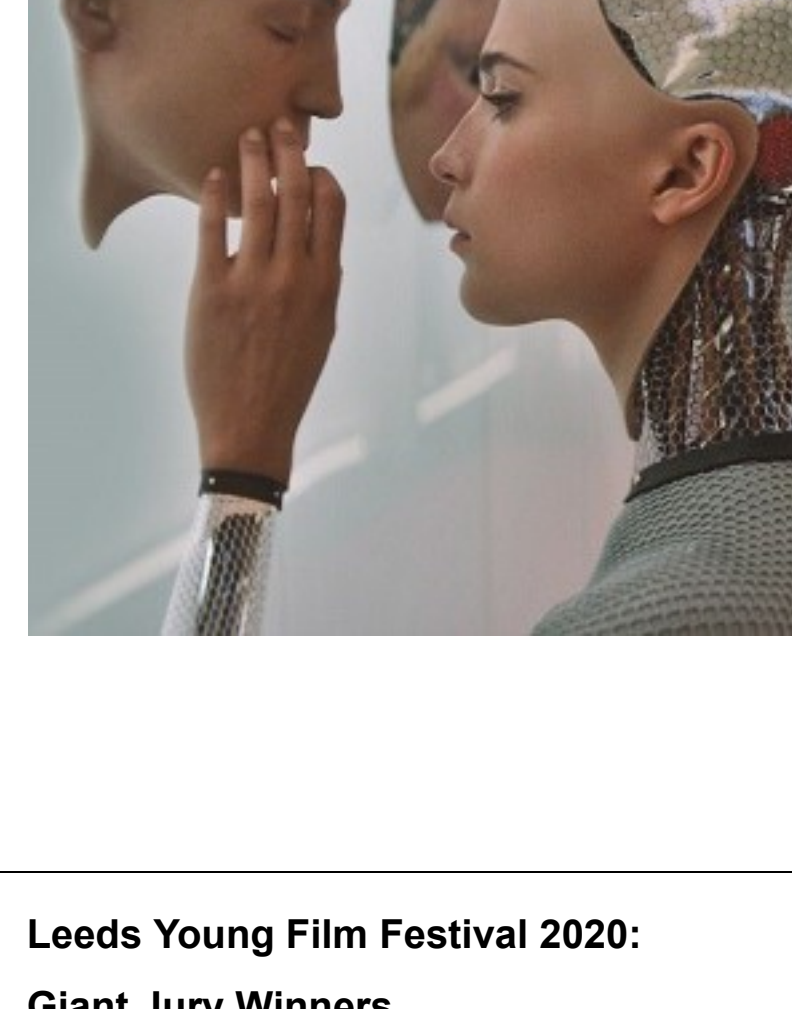
For all those who are curious there are 1000s of hidden gems of world cinema, and also artist and experimental film, available to view online free of charge. Our latest round-up includes the art films of British filmmaker James Scott, classic Chinese films from the 1920s, '30s and '40s and curated programmes from Berlin's Arsenal Institute for Film and Video Art.

[Find out more](#)

### INDIs Movie Nights: Ex Machina - Watch Party

INDIs Movie Nights return next month! Taking place online until cinemas reopen, they're starting with an *Ex Machina* Netflix Watch Party. In Alex Garland's 2014 film, a young programmer is selected to participate in a ground-breaking experiment in synthetic intelligence. The screening will be held on Netflix Party. [Click here](#) to find out more and sign up for this free event.

Friday 5 June, 7pm.



### Leeds Young Film Festival 2020: Giant Jury Winners

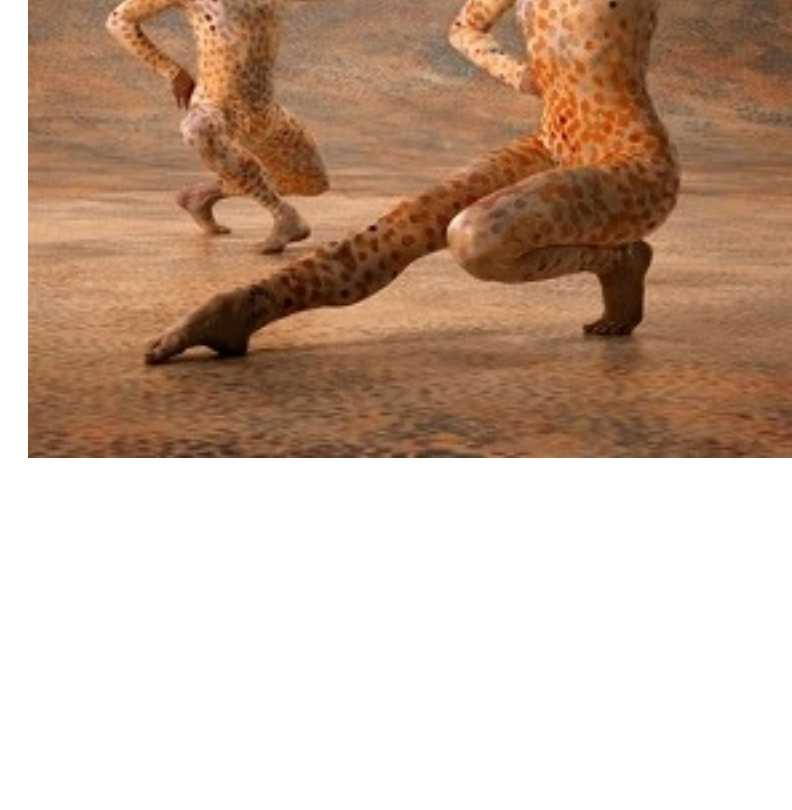
Leeds Young Film Festival's Giant Jury, made up of almost 100 young people, met up virtually over Easter to decide on the best selections from across two competitions. The Golden Wings Young Jury Competition had two programmes - seven short live action films and nine animated shorts, all selected from hundreds of submissions from around the world. The winners were *Luce & Me* (Isabella Salvetti) for Live Action Short and *The Witch and the Baby* (Directed by Evgenia Golubeva) for Animated Short.

[Read more](#)

**Dogwoof launches VOD platform for its documentary films**

London-based film company Dogwoof has released some of the greatest documentary productions of recent years, including *Free Solo*, *The Cave* and *The Act of Killing*. Dogwoof's newly launched VOD service lets you rent their latest titles directly from them, and includes *Diana Kennedy: Nothing, Martin Margiela: In His Own Words*, about the enigmatic fashion guru and *Cunningham*, about visionary choreographer Merce Cunningham.

[Find out more](#)



### Win the latest releases from The Criterion Collection + Little Women on Blu-ray

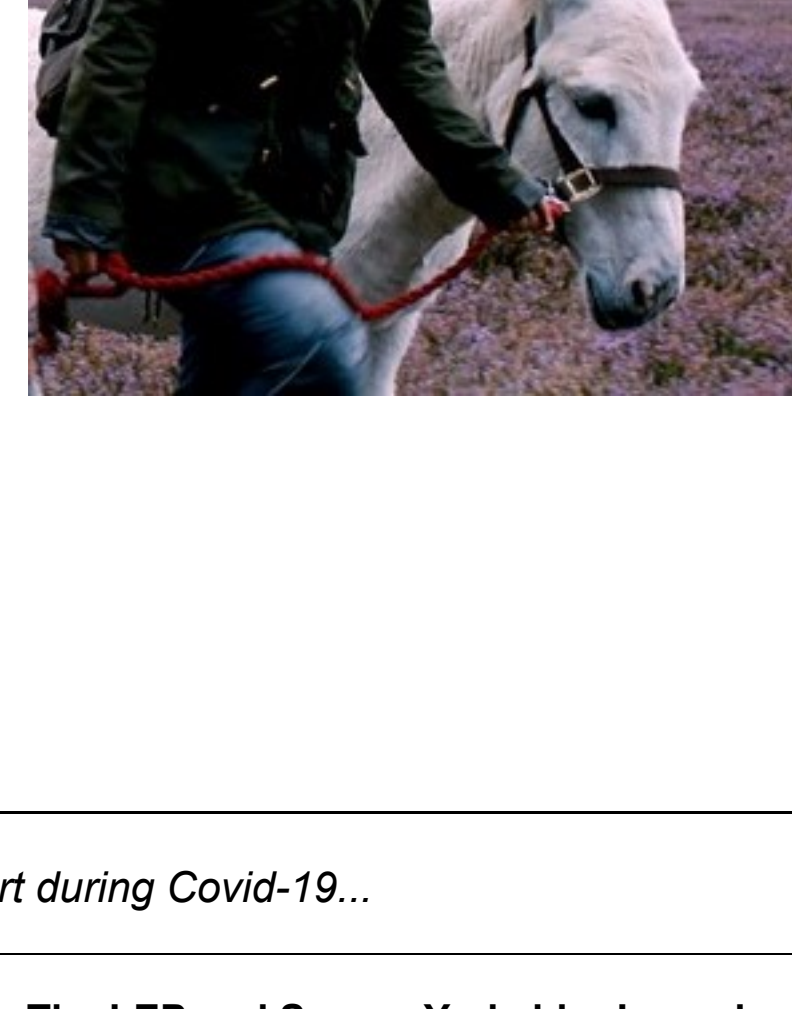
Our exclusive competitions give you the chance to win some of the best new Blu-ray releases each month. In May, we have two bundles of the latest Blu-rays from The Criterion Collection's exceptional series of classic world cinema, including *Destry Rides Again* (1939), *Lola Montès* (1955) and Satyajit Ray's breathtaking milestone of world cinema *The Apu Trilogy* (1955 -1959). We also have two Blu-rays of Greta Gerwig's *Little Women* - one of our favourite releases of 2019.

Enter [The Criterion Collection competition](#) by 29 May & [Little Women competition](#) by 4 June.

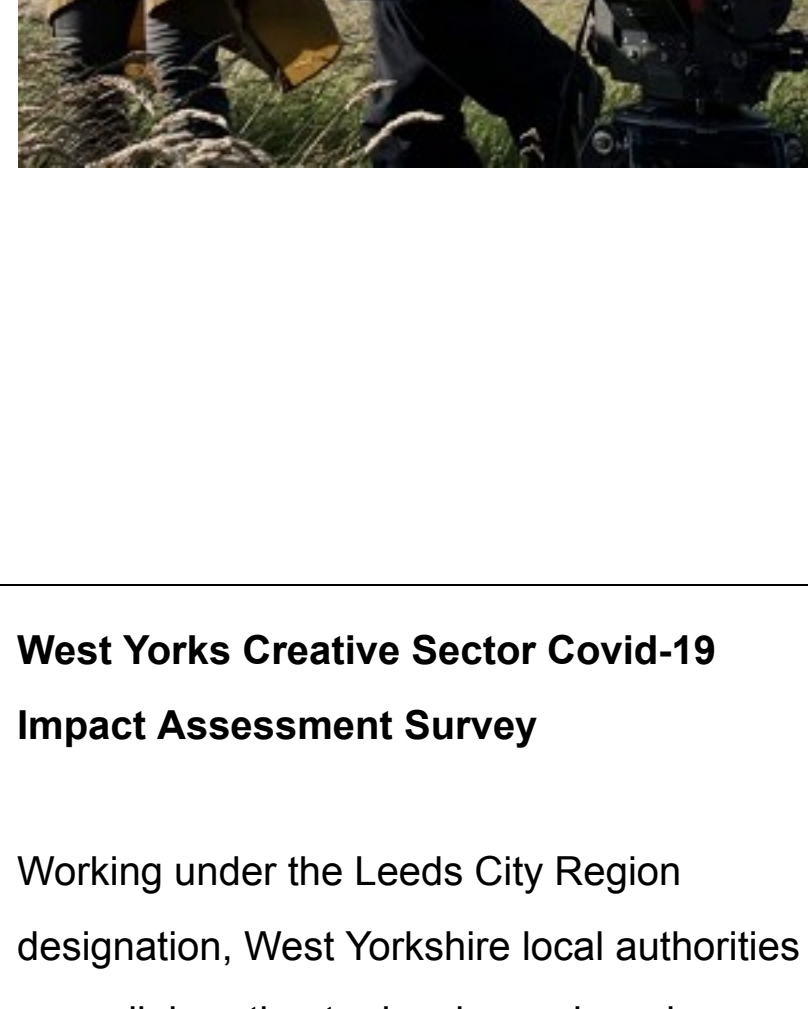
### The Runaways, a big Yorkshire adventure out on DVD

Leeds Young Film Festival 2019 hit *The Runaways* is now out to own on DVD or to stream on vimeo. A funny, uplifting film following three kids and their donkeys in a chase across the North Yorks Moors, *The Runaways* is a big Yorkshire adventure. It's the debut feature by acclaimed documentary and short film director Richard Heap, starring Mark Addy and Tara Fitzgerald and featuring some of the best landscapes the north of England has to offer.

[Find out more](#)



### Film industry support during Covid-19...



### The LEP and Screen Yorkshire Launch a New Development Fund

Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (the LEP) in association with Screen Yorkshire has announced a new funding initiative to support the Leeds City Region's TV and film industries. The Indie TV and film Development Fund, totalling £200,000, will distribute awards of between £2,500 and £25,000, to help independent TV and film production companies to develop new content as part of a new Creative Catalyst programme for new commissioning.

[Apply by Fri 5 June, midday.](#)

### West Yorks Creative Sector Covid-19 Impact Assessment Survey

Working under the Leeds City Region designation, West Yorkshire local authorities are collaborating to develop a shared understanding of the impacts of Covid-19 on the region's creative sector. Recognising its vital role in the health and well-being of society, they are asking organisations, artists and freelancers to complete this survey to understand where the needs are and to support the recovery of the industry.

[Complete the survey by midnight, Sun 31 May.](#)

