

LEEDS FILM CITY NEWSLETTER



LIFF Presents: The Souvenir Joanna Hogg's uncompromising new drama

Joanna Hogg has steadily built up a fascinating filmography over the last decade with complex and understated dramas like Archipelago and Exhibition. The Souvenir is her most accomplished film to date and winner of Sundance 2019's Grand Jury Prize.

It's a semi-autobiographical tale of young, quietly ambitious film student (Julie Honor Swinton Byrne) who has a love affair with a charismatic older man (Tom Burke) in early '80s London. Although initially encouraging of her ambitions, the relationship is intense and difficult and comes dangerously close to destroying her dreams. [Trailer](#)

LIFF Presents Preview: *Weds 28 August, 8pm. Vue in The Light.*
Screening at *Hyde Park Picture House from Fri 30 August.*

[Buy Tickets](#)

Buy tickets for both *The Souvenir* and *Bait* for a 25% discount.

LIFF Presents *Bait*, *Liza Minelli Double Bill*, *Scalarama Leeds 2019* begins + *Pedro Almodóvar's Pain and Glory*...



LIFF Presents: *Bait*

Beautifully shot on vintage monochrome 16mm and strikingly edited, *Bait* has been described by Little White Lies as 'One of the most thrillingly original British films in years'. Directed by first time filmmaker Mark Jenkin, *Bait* is a compelling story of simmering tensions in an idyllic Cornish harbour village in the process of gentrification. The summer season brings a clash between Martin, a local fisherman, and a wealthy family converting his family home into holiday cottages. [Trailer](#)

Weds 28 August, 6pm.
Vue in The Light

[Buy Tickets](#)

Liza Minelli Double Bill: *Cabaret* & *Liza with a Z*

LIFF and Mashiya Presents are getting together for a double bill dedicated to stage legend Liza Minelli. Set in Berlin during the Weimar Republic, under the presence of the growing Nazi Party, *Cabaret* is an iconic musical drama ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)). It's followed by *Liza with a Z*, a 1972 concert film featuring more of Minelli's exceptional musical talents ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)). Both films screen as part of Scalarama Leeds' Fosse on Film programme. *Buy tickets for both films for a 25% discount.*



Thu 12 September, 7pm & 9.40pm.
The Wardrobe, Leeds

[Buy Tickets](#)



Scalarama Leeds 2019 begins: celebrating independent film citywide

Throughout September, Scalarama Leeds celebrates independent cinema with specially programmed film events across the city. Highlights during the first week include B-Movie Double Bill: *Gun Crazy* (on 35mm) & *Detour* at Hyde Park Picture House ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)) and Agnès Varda's experimental drama *Lions Love (...and Lies)* at The Reliance ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)). The full programme will launch on Fri 23 August. The launch event is sold out, but keep an eye out for the programme online!

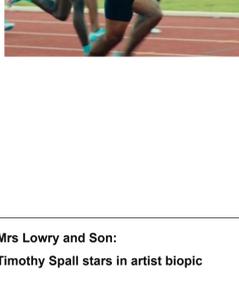
Sat 31 August - Mon 30 September.
Citywide

Pain & Glory: Pedro Almodóvar's reflective tale of an ageing film director

The great Pedro Almodóvar is on top form with another sensuous and intelligent melodrama *Pain and Glory*, one of the best new releases of the summer. Antonio Banderas won the best actor prize at Cannes for his soulful performance as an ageing film director facing ill health and fading talent, and reminiscing wistfully about a lost past. It might just be the best film about a director's creative block since Fellini's *8 1/2*. [Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)



From Fri 23 August. Showcase Cinema de Lux Leeds, Hyde Park Picture House & Science & Media Museum, Bradford



Leeds Black Film Club presents *Sprinter* + Q&A

Akeem Sharp is a Jamaican track-and-field sensation, nicknamed the Rasta Rocket, and known for his incredible speed. As his rising career offers him the chance to reach the US, reuniting him with his mother, turmoil at home threatens to overshadow his progress. This special preview screening supported by the BFI will be followed by a Q&A with director Storm Saulter, star Shantol Jackson and producer Rob Maylor. [Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)

Sat 31 August, 5pm.
Hyde Park Picture House

Mrs Lowry and Son: Timothy Spall stars in artist biopic

The artist L.S. Lowry was known for his instantly recognisable paintings depicting everyday life in northern industrial towns. Vanessa Redgrave and Timothy Spall star in a new biopic exploring the complicated relationship Lowry shared with his mother and the tension it created around his creative ambitions as he sought to produce works depicting the beauty he saw in seemingly mundane scenes. [Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)



Tues 27 August (Preview with satellite Q&A) + in cinemas from Fri 30 August.
Citywide



Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark: an anthology of chilling tales

Based on the children's book series of the same name, *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* has been adapted for the screen by director André Øvredal (*Troll Hunter*) and Guillermo del Toro (*Pan's Labyrinth*). Three teenagers discover a hidden book of chilling stories after exploring the local haunted house. After several sudden disappearances, the teens soon notice that their own names are now scrawled in the tales... [Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)

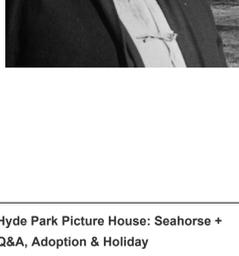
From Fri 23 August.
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Open Air Cinema: *Brassed Off* + Director Mark Herman in Conversation

Halifax's The Piece Hall was a filming location for Yorkshire classic *Brassed Off*, which tells the true story of mining town Grimethorpe's setbacks after the wave of pit closures in the 80s. *Brassed Off* stars Ewan McGregor and Tara Fitzgerald, and the event kicks off with a fitting performance by one of Calderdale's most accomplished bands, Eiland Silver Band, followed by a conversation with director Mark Herman. [Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)



Thu 29 August, 7.30pm.
The Piece Hall, Halifax



A Feast of Falstaff: Chimes at Midnight

HEART host an evening's celebration dedicated to one of Shakespeare's best loved characters, Falstaff. A sumptuous buffet and opera pieces are followed by a rare screening of Orson Welles' *Chimes at Midnight*. It's a fascinating film combining several plays in which Falstaff appears and certainly one of the most cinematic Shakespeare adaptations in film history, also Welles' own favourite of his entire oeuvre. [Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)

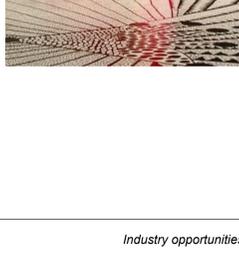
Sun 25 August, 6.30pm.
HEART, Headingley

Hyde Park Picture House: *Seahorse* + Q&A, *Adoption* & *Holiday*

Director Jeanie Finlay (*Game of Thrones: The Last Watch*) returns with the fascinating documentary *Seahorse* about Freddie, a gay transgender man, who decides to have his own baby. The Tuesday Wonder screening will feature an in-person Q&A with Finlay. ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)). Other independent film highlights at Hyde Park Picture House include 1970s Hungarian drama *Adoption* ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)) and Danish gangster tale *Holiday* ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)).



Seahorse screens on Tues 27 August, 6.20pm. Hyde Park Picture House



Artist film in Leeds: Yayoi Kusama + Harlan Whittingham: TAAP Screening

Known as queen of polka dots, Kusama: Infinity is one of the most popular artists in the world today. Presented by Scalarama, the documentary *Kusama: Infinity* is a portrait of the Japanese artist's career ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)). Meanwhile, *The Tetley* is host to an evening of curated footage, selected from LUX's collection of artists' film and video by artist Harlan Whittingham ([More info](#)).

Weds 4 September, 6pm. Sheaf St (Kusama: Infinity) & The Tetley (Harlan Whittingham: TAAP Screening)

Industry opportunities in Leeds and beyond...



Volunteer Opportunities at Leeds International Film Festival

Leeds International Film Festival (LIFF) and Independent Directions Film Festival (INDIs) could not happen without the support of dedicated venue assistants, digital volunteers and runners. Benefits include being part of the largest event of its kind outside of London, seeing hotly anticipated films before their official release, free film tickets and an invitation to the LIFF closing party. [Apply now](#)

Applications for INDIs close Wed 25 Sept and for LIFF close Sun 6 October

Northern Exposure Short Film Night

Film Hub North, BFI Network and Superfriendz present the first instalment of a new, regular event for local filmmakers, writers and producers. Whether a novice or an industry professional, you are invited to meet, network and collaborate or just discuss films and filmmaking. The evening includes a programme of short films, and a chance to speak with BFI Network reps about funding and professional development. [Tickets](#)



Tues 27 August, 6pm.
Belgrave Music Hall

