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LIFF Presents returns with preview of *After Love*

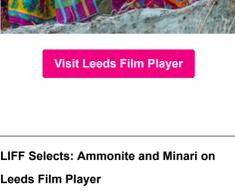
LIFF Presents, the year-round programme of special previews from Leeds International Film Festival, is back with Aleem Khan's *After Love* on 3 June. After the sudden and unexpected death of her husband, Muslim convert Mary (Joanna Scanlan) stumbles across a shocking secret: her husband Ahmed, a ship's captain who worked the Dover-Calais ferry route, had another secret life in France.

Scanlan is exceptional in this remarkable debut from writer and director Aleem Khan, which subtly conveys the tenderness of two strangers who live just over 20 miles apart, profoundly separated by cultural difference but also unexpectedly connected. *After Love* is set to be one of the standout British films of 2021 and more LIFF Presents previews will be announced soon.

Thursday 3 June, 7.30pm at City Varieties Music Hall

[Find out more](#)

Ammonite and *Minari* arriving on Leeds Film Player, new LIFF Behind the Scenes features, *First Cow* in cinemas and more...



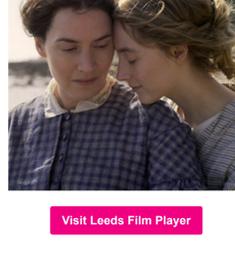
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New LIFF Selects collection for Leeds Film Player in June and July

LIFF Selects is a specially curated selection of new films on Leeds Film Player from the Leeds International Film Festival team. The new LIFF Selects collection for June and July includes *Minari* and *Ammonite* (see next item), atmospheric Bangladeshi drama and a highlight of recent South Asian cinema *The Salt in Our Waters*, poignant modern trans western Cowboys, and two of last year's most acclaimed films *The Assistant* and *Miss Juneteenth*.

LIFF Selects: *Ammonite* and *Minari* on Leeds Film Player

Two of the year's most highly anticipated film releases arrive on Leeds Film Player in June. An intense, life-changing relationship between the pioneering 19th-century palaeontologist Mary Anning and the woman entrusted to care for her is the focus of *Ammonite* (from 14 June), Francis Lee's follow-up to *God's Own Country*. Youn Yuh-jung won an Oscar for her role as the grandmother of a Korean American family starting a new life in Arkansas, in Lee Isaac Chung's moving rural drama *Minari* (From 1 June).



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LIFF Selects: *Punk The Capital* & *Sisters With Transistors*

Some of the greatest musical innovators of the 21st century are the focus of two new music documentaries featured as part of LIFF Selects on Leeds Film Player. *Punk The Capital* (from 8 June) documents the highly influential underground punk movement in Washington DC from 1976 to 1983, including Bad Brains and Minor Threat. *Sisters With Transistors* covers pioneering female composers and musicians, with audio description available.

[LIFF Selects Pass](#) - See all 8 films in our hand-picked selection of new titles for £25



LIFF Behind the Scenes with Media Museum's Bex Hill & LIFF's Alex King

For the latest instalments in our new LIFF Behind the Scenes series of interviews with people working in film exhibition in Leeds and Yorkshire, we talk to *Bex Hill* (Cinema Events Manager at the National Science and Media Museum) and *Alex King* (Programme Manager at Leeds International Film Festival). LIFF Behind the Scenes gives you the chance to get to know people at some of your favourite film organisations.

[LIFF Behind the Scenes](#)

Supernova & The Father in cinemas this month

In *Supernova*, Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci star as a couple who have spent twenty years together and are as passionately in love as they have ever been. When faced with a diagnosis of young-onset dementia, they take a road trip together in this highly emotional drama. Anthony Hopkins won the Best Actor award at Oscars 2021 for his role alongside Olivia Coleman in *The Father*, a drama that also explores the impact of dementia through personal relationships.



Screening citywide from 11 June (*The Father*) and 25 June (*Supernova*)



First Cow: Kelly Reichardt's superb reinvention of the Western

Directed by Kelly Reichardt (*Certain Women*, *Wendy and Lucy*), *First Cow* is one of the year's most acclaimed new releases. A Western about two drifters who devise a unique money making enterprise by stealing milk from a landowner's cow, it's a gentle and profound film about human connection. John Magaro stars as the adventurer-turned-cook who meets a Chinese traveller (Orion Lee) also seeking his fortune.

4-10 June. [City Varieties Music Hall](#) & 4-6 and 9-10 June. [National Science and Media Museum](#), Bradford

Sheffield Doc Fest Returns with select screenings

Three highlights from Sheffield Doc Fest get special screenings in Leeds and Bradford this month. These include *Summer of Soul* (4 June), Rapper Questlove's highly acclaimed new film on the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, Avi Mograbi's *The First 54 Years: An Abbreviated Manual For Military Occupation* (11 June) and the latest from the inimitable Mark Cousins, *The Story of Looking* (12 June).



Event screenings at [City Varieties Music Hall](#) & [National Science and Media Museum](#)



New Anime on the Big Screen - Violet Evergarden: The Movie

The latest acclaimed anime feature from Kyoto Animation (*A Silent Voice*), *Violet Evergarden: The Movie* is released in UK cinemas on June 17. The beautifully-crafted anime is the finale to the 2018 TV series (available on Netflix): set in the aftermath of a world war, former child soldier Violet Evergarden seeks to understand herself through her past. Winner of the Tokyo Anime Award 2021 for Animation of the Year.

Ben Wheatley returns with In The Earth

British director Ben Wheatley returns with a film that goes back to the folk horror roots of his earlier features *Kill List* and *A Field In England*. While the world is searching for a cure to a highly contagious virus, a scientist and park scout journey deep into the forest for a routine equipment run. Made during lockdown but shot outdoors in the summertime, Joel Fry, Reece Shearsmith and Hayley Squires star in this small scale sci-fi thriller. [Trailer](#)



In cinemas from Fri 18 June



The National Lottery Cinema Weekend - 19 & 20 June 2021

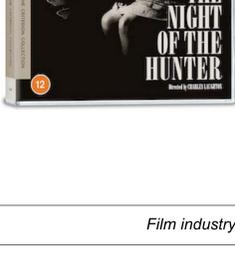
[National Lottery Cinema Weekend](#), in partnership with the BFI, will take place on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 June at more than 500 cinema sites across the UK. Cinema Weekend will make over 200,000 free tickets available to watch any film screening across the weekend, as a thank you to National Lottery players for their vital contribution to film.

Shane Meadows to adapt Yorkshire novel *The Gallows Pole* for BBC

Benjamin Myers' 2017 historical fiction novel *The Gallows Pole* was an award-winning literary sensation. A novelisation of the true tale of the Cragg Vale Coiners, it told the story of the biggest counterfeiting operation in British history, set in Yorkshire just before the Industrial Revolution. Director Shane Meadows (*This Is England*, *Dead Man's Shoes*) will direct his first ever series for the BBC with an adaptation of the novel.



[Read more about the adaptation](#)



The Criterion Collection Competition: Win June'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. June's releases include *The Night of the Hunter*, *Merrily We Go to Hell* and *Flowers of Shanghai*. For a chance to win, answer the following question: What was the name of the 1995 Jim Jarmusch film that *The Night of the Hunter* star Robert Mitchum also appeared in?

Email answers to leeds.film@leeds.gov.uk by midnight on Wednesday 29 June 2021.

Film industry opportunities...

Film Hub North: Freelance Producer & Finance and Data Coordinator

Film Hub North is recruiting for two new roles. [Freelance Producer](#) (apply by Mon 7 June, 12pm) for BFI Film Academy North, responsible for putting together a new region-wide programme of events and masterclasses for aspiring film professionals aged 16-25. [Finance & Data Coordinator](#) (apply by Mon 21 June), responsible for supporting funded projects through contracting, payment and reporting.



Bradford Literature Festival: Jobs and Opportunities

Bradford Literature Festival runs from 25 June - 4 July 2021, with a programme covering everything from poetry to politics and comics to comedy. They are now recruiting for both paid roles and volunteer opportunities. [Apply now](#) for paid roles including Box Office Manager, Stage Manager, Venue Manager and Box Office Operator (apply by 2 June) and for volunteer roles including Customer Experience Assistant and Festival Runner.



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