

LEEDS FILM NEWSLETTER



Minari: A Korean-American family let their roots grow in Arkansas soil

Lee Isaac Chung's *Minari* is a Sundance winning semi-autobiographical tale that follows a Korean-American family who move to an Arkansas farm in the 1980s, in search of their own American Dream. Starring Steven Yeun, Yeri Han and Alan S. Kim, *Minari* is an uplifting look at the resilience of family and what really makes a home.

As the family struggle with the reality of rural isolation in a dilapidated trailer, everything changes with the arrival of their mischievous grandmother. This family drama, written and directed by Lee Isaac Chung, has been nominated for six Oscars, including Best Picture.

[Watch the trailer](#)

[Streaming online from Friday 2 April](#)



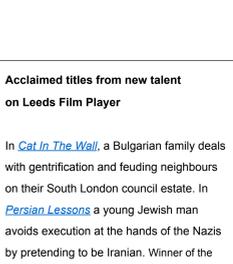
A raft of great new titles on Leeds Film Player in April and May

LIFF Presents unveils an exciting new line-up of films streaming on Leeds Film Player in April and May. New titles include *Rams*, a tender and down-to-earth Aussie remake of the hit Icelandic drama. Sam Neill and Michael Caton turn in great performances as a pair of feuding sheep farmer brothers, giving a unique perspective on masculinity.

Rams features among a fine line-up of recent releases in LIFF Selects. Most will be available from 1 April, followed by the innovative horror *Rose: A Love Story* and sci-fi mindbender *Synchronic* on 5 April. The puzzlebox indie *Black Bear* will complete the line-up on 30 April.

LIFF Audience Favourites also returns with a new selection of previous festival hits.

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Horror & sci-fi on Leeds Film Player: *Rose: A Love Story* & *Synchronic*

Jennifer Sheridan's acclaimed debut *Rose: A Love Story*, is both a chilling horror and a moving romance. Grippd by a terrifying illness, Rose lives in a secluded forest with her husband, until a stranger arrives. From breakout genre filmmakers Justin Benson and Aaron Moorhead (*The Endless*)

Synchronic is a mind-bending sci-fi starring Jamie Dornan and Anthony Mackie as paramedics who encounter a series of horrific deaths linked to a new drug.

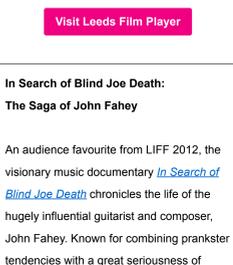
Available from midnight, Monday 5 April

Acclaimed titles from new talent on Leeds Film Player

In *Cat In The Wall*, a Bulgarian family deals with gentrification and feuding neighbours on their South London council estate. In *Persian Lessons* a young Jewish man avoids execution at the hands of the Nazis by pretending to be Iranian. Winner of the Discovery Award at the British Independent Film Awards, Eva Riley's dazzling debut *Perfect 10* is a spirited coming-of-age tale in the social realist tradition of Andrea Arnold.



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LIFF Audience Favourites for April and May on Leeds Film Player

Every two months on Leeds Film Player we revisit some of the most popular films among audiences from previous editions of LIFF. In April and May you can see two cult favourites from Japan: recent zombie comedy *One Cut of the Dead* and surreal fantasy *The Taste of Tea* from 2004. There's also Finnish dark comedy *Heavy Trip*, German / Israeli drama *The Cakemaker* and Canadian doc *In Search of Blind Joe Death: The Saga of John Fahey*.

In Search of Blind Joe Death: The Saga of John Fahey

An audience favourite from LIFF 2012, the visionary music documentary *In Search of Blind Joe Death* chronicles the life of the hugely influential guitarist and composer, John Fahey. Known for combining prankster tendencies with a great seriousness of intent, Fahey accomplished many celebrated musical achievements, whilst also befalling a fate similar to many of the bluesmen who inspired him, in his troubled personal life.

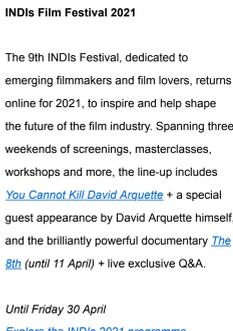


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All Leeds Film Player titles available until Monday 31 May

[LIFF Selects Pass](#) - See all 7 films in our hand-picked selection of new titles for £20

[LIFF Audience Favourites Pass](#) - See all 5 audience favourites from previous editions of LIFF for £12



Leeds Young Film Festival 2021

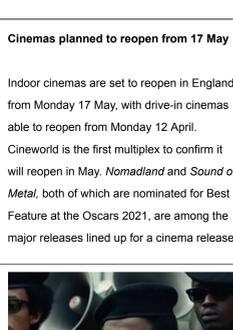
The UK's largest family film event returns online, with a fantastic selection of exciting films during Easter and the whole month of April on Leeds Film Player, including the Oscar-nominated animation *Wolfwalkers* (from 10 April), fantasy adventure *Fauntleroy and the Lost Magic* and comedy drama *My Dad is a Sausage*. The full festival programme also includes a Minecraft cinema and the chance to earn an Arts Award Discovery at Home certificate.

Until Friday 30 April

[Explore the LYFF 2021 programme](#)

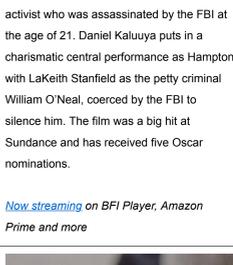
INDIs Film Festival 2021

The 9th INDIs Festival, dedicated to emerging filmmakers and film lovers, returns online for 2021, to inspire and help shape the future of the film industry. Spanning three weekends of screenings, masterclasses, workshops and more, the line-up includes *You Cannot Kill David Arquette* + a special guest appearance by David Arquette himself, and the brilliantly powerful documentary *The 8th* (until 11 April) + live exclusive Q&A.



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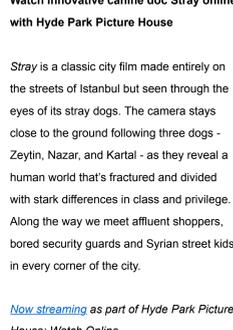


Cinemas planned to reopen from 17 May

Indoor cinemas are set to reopen in England from Monday 17 May, with drive-in cinemas able to reopen from Monday 12 April. Cineworld is the first multiplex to confirm it will reopen in May. *Nomadland* and *Sound of Metal*, both of which are nominated for Best Feature at the Oscars 2021, are among the major releases lined up for a cinema release.

Judas and the Black Messiah: Sundance hit and Oscars nominee now streaming

Judas and the Black Messiah is a highly acclaimed new drama based on the true story of Fred Hampton, the Black Panther activist who was assassinated by the FBI at the age of 21. Daniel Kaluuya puts in a charismatic central performance as Hampton with LaKeith Stanfield as the petty criminal William O'Neal, coerced by the FBI to silence him. The film was a big hit at Sundance and has received five Oscar nominations.



[Now streaming on BFI Player, Amazon Prime and more](#)



Watch innovative canine doc *Stray* online with Hyde Park Picture House

Stray is a classic city film made entirely on the streets of Istanbul but seen through the eyes of its stray dogs. The camera stays close to the ground following three dogs - Zeytin, Nazar, and Kartal - as they reveal a human world that's fractured and divided with stark differences in class and privilege. Along the way we meet affluent shoppers, bored security guards and Syrian street kids in every corner of the city.

[Now streaming as part of Hyde Park Picture House: Watch Online](#)

LIFF Selections on MUBI: *Oleg & Computer Chess*

Two LIFF favourites are available on MUBI during April. Juris Kursietis' gripping second feature *Oleg*, which had its UK premiere at LIFF 2019, is a gritty, social thriller about a young Latvian man, who arrives in Brussels for a better life but soon finds himself under the control of Polish criminals. *Computer Chess* (LIFF 2013) is a quirky comedy set at a 1980s tournament that pits rival computer chess programmes against each other.



Now showing on MUBI



Scalarama Leeds: Eggfest!

Join Scalarama Leeds online on Easter Monday from 1pm as they go all-out with their egg-themed EGGFEST! extravaganza. It's free to join, and all films and shorts featured have been lovingly curated into four programmes, which include classic features such as Laurel & Hardy's *The Live Ghost*, *Cool Hand Luke*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and *Tampopo!*

[Find out more](#)

Monday 4 April, from 1pm

The Criterion Collection Competition: Win April'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. April's releases include *Charulata*, *The Darjeeling Limited* and *Secrets and Lies*. For a chance to win, answer the following question: *What was the name of the first film directed by Satyajit Ray in 1955?* Email answers to leeds.film@leeds.gov.uk by midnight on Friday 30 April 2021.



Competition is open to UK residents only

Film industry opportunities...

New job opportunities at **Film Hub Midlands**, **Manchester Indian Film Festival** and **Screen Yorkshire**...

Film Hub Midlands is recruiting for two new roles, to be based at Broadway Cinema in Nottingham: a **BFI Network Talent Executive**, to act as an advocate for the region's film talent and a **Project Manager**, to manage the annual delivery of two major programmes of culturally ambitious screenings and events. [Apply by Tuesday 6 April, 12pm \(noon\)](#)

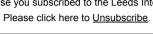
The Bagri Foundation London Indian Film Festival (LIFF) and Birmingham Indian Film Festival (BIFF) are together Europe's largest Indian film festival. The festival is recruiting a Manchester **Project Manager** to support its expansion into Manchester in 2021. [Apply by Tuesday 6 April, 12pm \(noon\)](#)

Screen Yorkshire is looking for a **Programme Co-ordinator** who is a great communicator with strong organisational skills and interest in the creative industries to provide programme support for its creative team. [Apply by Sunday 25 April 2021, 5pm](#)

LEEDS FILM 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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