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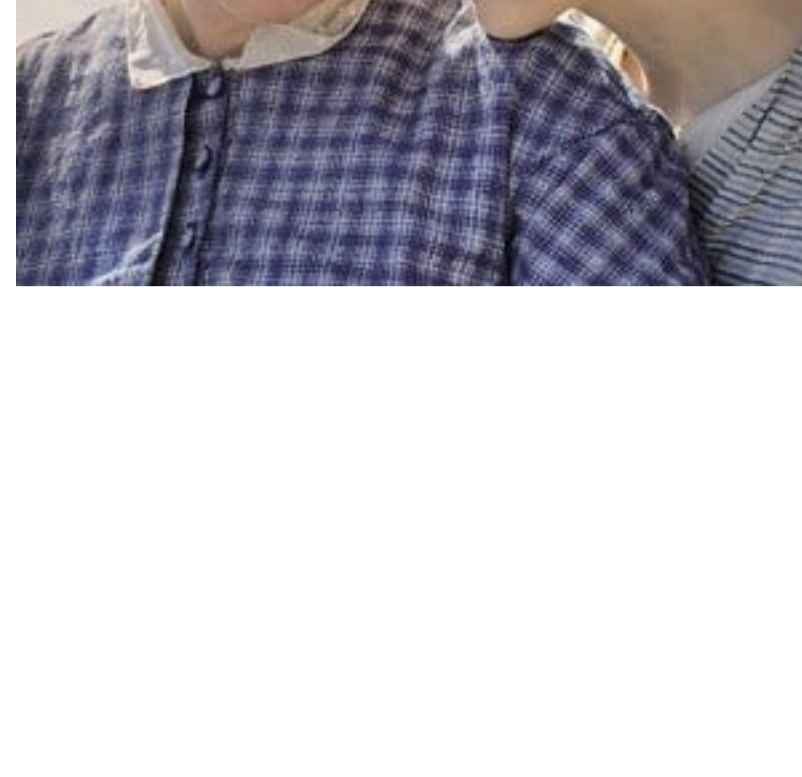
Assassins: Remarkable new documentary now streaming on Leeds Film Player

Must-see documentary *Assassins*, presented in partnership with Hyde Park Picture House, is now available on Leeds Film Player. This mind-bending tale of political intrigue and assassination in North Korea plays alongside other great titles including the atmospheric sci-fi parable *Last and First Men*, dark Icelandic thriller *A White, White Day* and the touching language class documentary *Atelier de conversation*.

We also have a fascinating new shorts programme *3.11 A Sense of Home*, an anthology of films, each of exactly 3 minutes and 11 seconds, marking the tenth anniversaries of the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami in Japan. Curated by Japanese filmmaker Naomi Kawase, directors also include Bong Joon Ho, Apichatpong Weerasethakul and Jia Zhang-ke.

All features and shorts available on [Leeds Film Player](#) until Wednesday 31 March

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Francis Lee's critically acclaimed Ammonite comes to streaming platforms

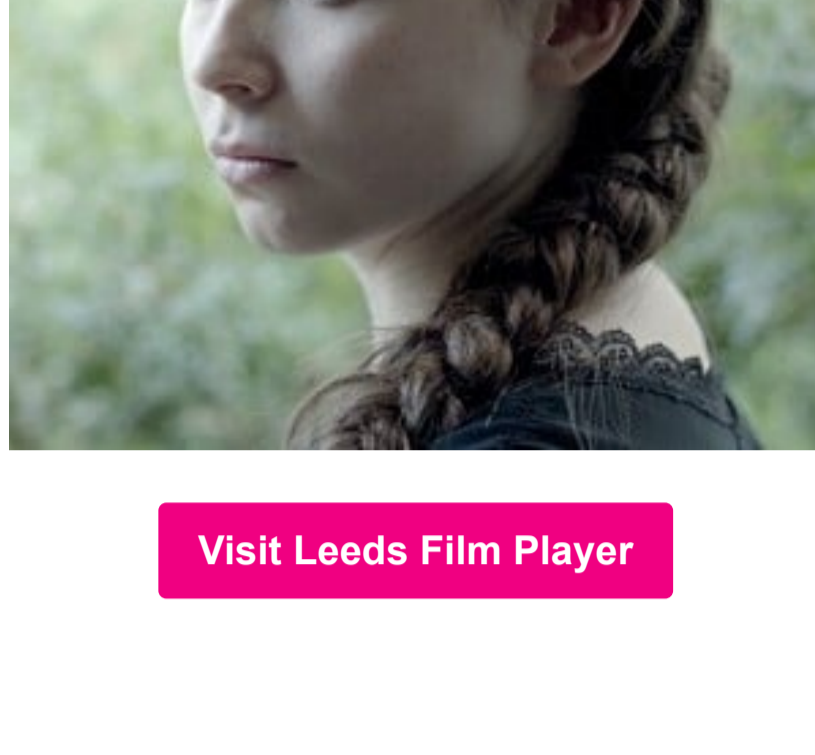
Ammonite, Francis Lee's highly anticipated follow up to *God's Own Country*, sadly won't start its life in cinemas, but will be arriving on streaming platforms this month. Kate Winslet stars as the pioneering 19th-century palaeontologist Mary Anning, who has been excluded from the male scientific establishment. When Charlotte Murchison (Saoirse Ronan) is entrusted to her care, the pair develop an intense relationship, altering both of their lives forever.

Ammonite streams on demand from Friday 26 March

Sami Blood: Available until 16 March on Leeds Film Player

Amanda Kernell's powerful coming-of-age debut *Sami Blood* was an audience favourite at LIFF 2017 and also won the European Parliament's prestigious Lux Prize for Best European Film. Elle, a teenage reindeer herder in 1930s Sweden faces a society rife with prejudice and discrimination as she is forcibly removed from her family and sent to a state boarding school. 'A spellbinding performance by young Lene Cecilia Sparrok' - Sheri Linden, LA Times

Watch *Sami Blood* on Leeds Film Player until midnight on Tuesday 16 March



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

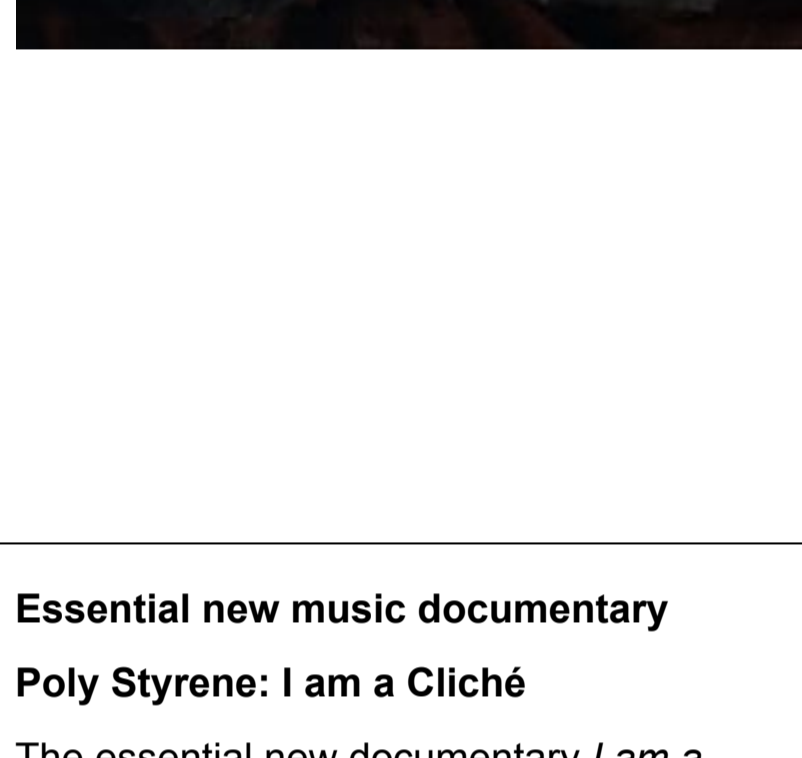
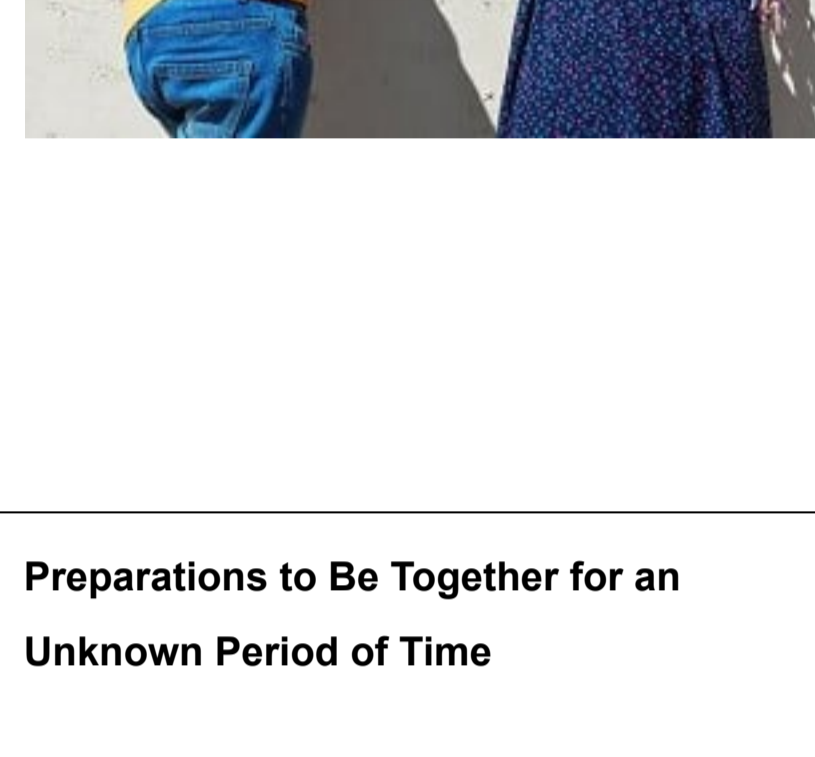
Lee Isaac Chung's Sundance winning semi-autobiographical tale *Minari* follows a Korean-American family that moves to an Arkansas farm in the 1980s, in search of their own American Dream. As they struggle with the reality of rural isolation in a dilapidated trailer, everything changes with the arrival of their mischievous grandmother. *Minari* is an uplifting look at the resilience of family and what really makes a home.

Streaming from Friday 19 March

International Women's Day 2021: Online film screenings, Q&As and more...

Every year, International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women whilst also calling for equality - where men and women are treated the same. Although the main event takes place on 8 March, there are events to mark IWD throughout the month, including the FLY! Festival of Black Women's Film, a screening of *Salt of The Sea* with Leeds Palestinian Film Festival and more.

View our full round-up of [International Women's Day 2021](#) events



Preparations to Be Together for an Unknown Period of Time

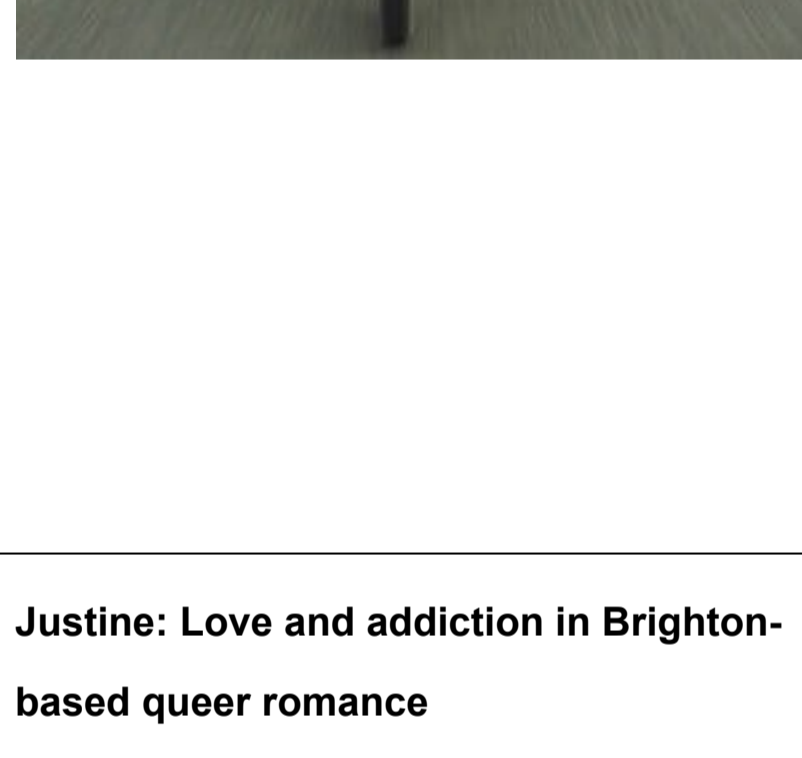
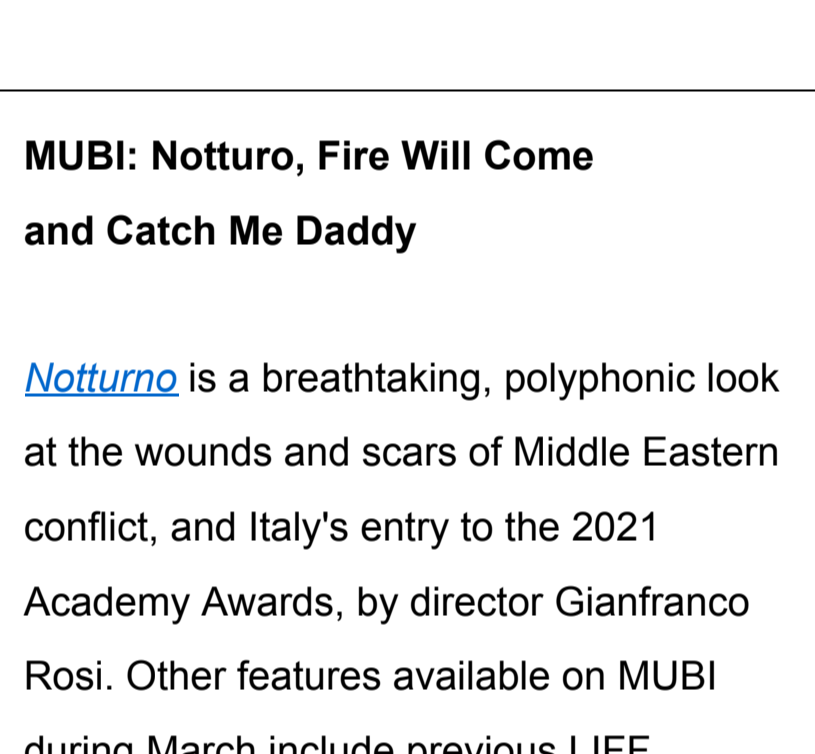
Curzon Home Cinema are releasing *Preparations to Be Together for an Unknown Period of Time* this month, an evocative and unnerving psychological drama by Hungarian director Lili Horvát with beautiful cinematography. Márta, a forty-year-old neurosurgeon, falls in love. She leaves her shining American career behind and returns to Budapest to start a new life with them. But the love of her life claims they have never met before.

From Friday 19 March on [Curzon Home Cinema](#)

Essential new music documentary Poly Styrene: I am a Cliché

The essential new documentary *I am a Cliché* profiles Poly Styrene, the enigmatic Anglo-Somali frontwoman of seminal punk band X-Ray Spex. Poly was the first woman of colour in the UK to front a successful rock band, using her unconventional voice to sing about identity, consumerism and postmodernism in late 70s Britain. Poly's daughter Celeste examines her mother's legacy both as an icon and a mother.

Now streaming on [Modern Films](#)



MUBI: Notturo, Fire Will Come and Catch Me Daddy

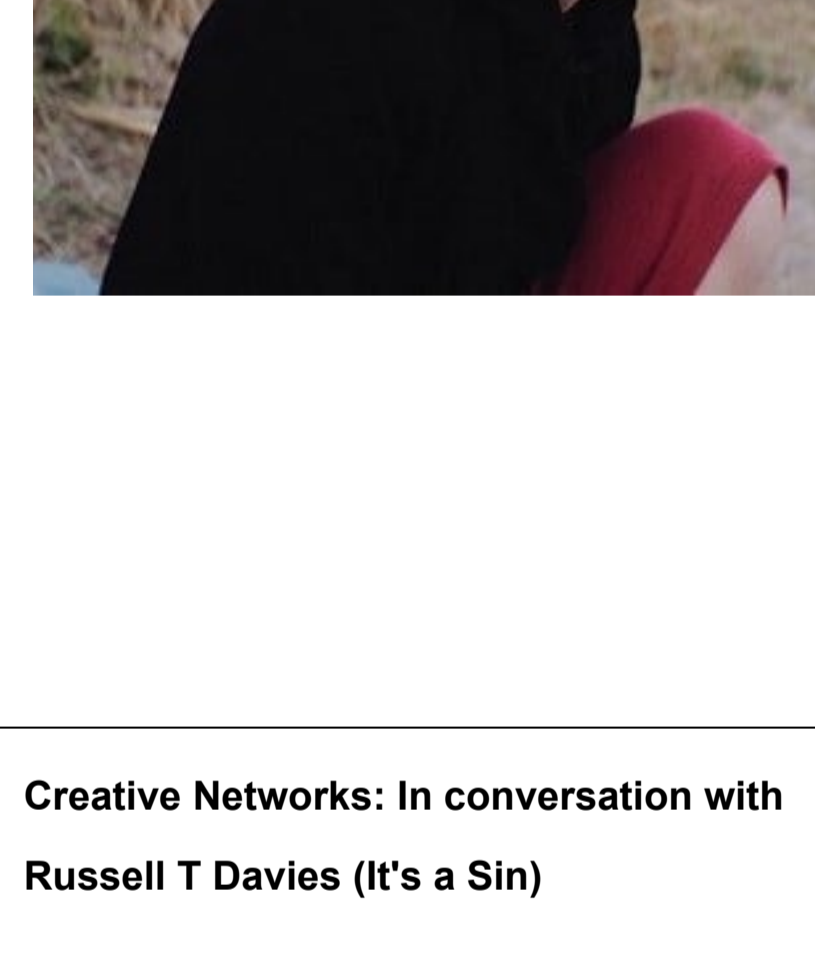
Notturo is a breathtaking, polyphonic look at the wounds and scars of Middle Eastern conflict, and Italy's entry to the 2021 Academy Awards, by director Gianfranco Rosi. Other features available on MUBI during March include previous LIFF selections *Fire Will Come*, Oliver Laxe's striking and serene drama about a man imprisoned for arson returning to his rural Spanish hometown and *Catch Me Daddy*, an unbelievably tense and beautifully filmed chase film shot on the Yorkshire moors.

Now showing on [MUBI](#)

Justine: Love and addiction in Brighton-based queer romance

Justine is a queer love story set against the backdrop of wintry Brighton. Justine (Tallulah Haddon) is disillusioned with life, drinking heavily and slowly self-destructing. One day, on a shoplifting spree, she meets Rachel (Sophie Reid) and the possibility of happiness, love and a future starts to emerge. But her pain goes deep and as the demons within her begin to surface, she wonders if she can allow herself to hope.

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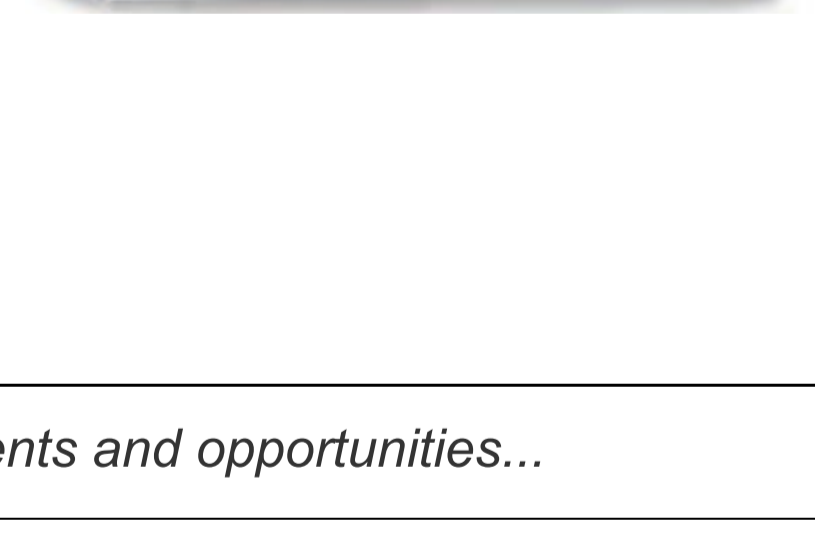
Creative Networks: In conversation with Russell T Davies (It's a Sin)

Leeds Art University has welcomed an impressive series of guests for its Creative Networks series of conversations with creative talent. For its next instalment, taking place online, award-winning writer, creator and producer Russell T Davies talks about his life in the screen industry, known for his work on *Queer as Folk* and *Doctor Who*, his most recent series *It's a Sin*, about the AIDS crisis in Britain is currently on All 4.

Thursday 18 March, 6pm
[Booking is essential](#)

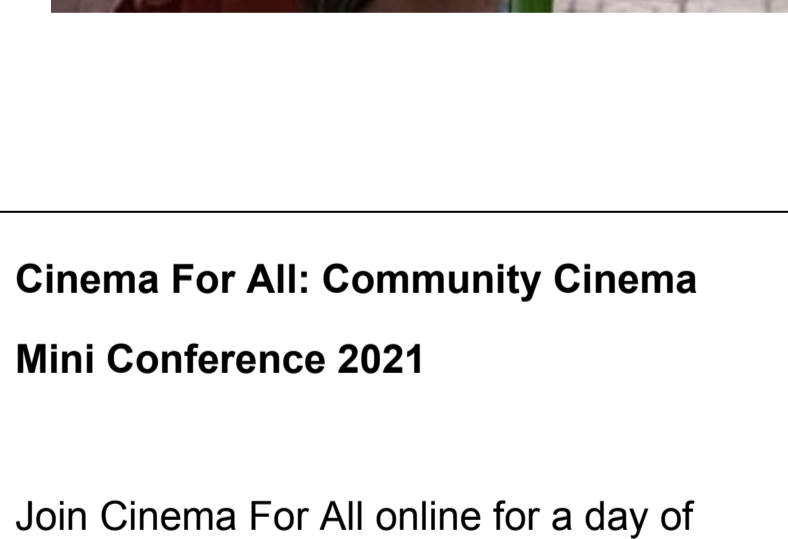
The Criterion Collection Competition: Win March's releases on Blu-ray

Our exclusive monthly competition gives you the chance to win one of two bundles of the latest Blu-rays from The Criterion Collection. March's releases include *Lost in America*, *Defending Your Life* and *Kagemusha*. For a chance to win, answer the following question: *In which 2011 film directed by Nicolas Winding Refn did Lost in America's director Albert Brooks star?* Email answers to leeds.film@leeds.gov.uk by midnight on Wednesday 31 March 2021.



Competition is open to UK residents only

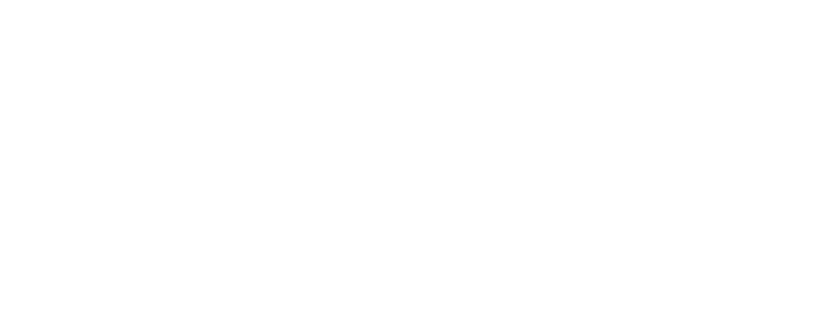
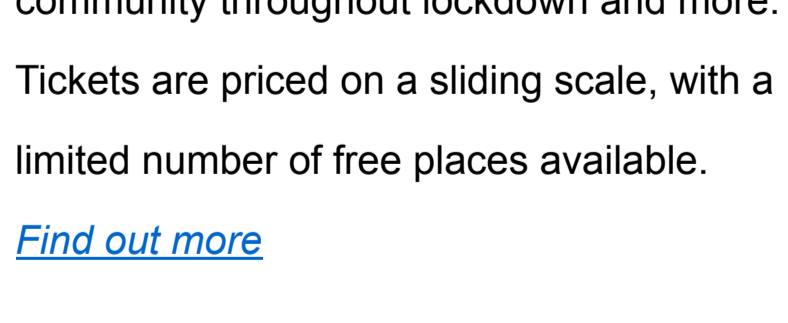
Film industry news, events and opportunities...



Filmbank Media: Virtual Screening Room service for online community cinema

The new Filmbankmedia Virtual Screening Room service supports online screenings which keep the social aspect of community-led cinema. Film societies, community cinemas and other venues can choose from a special selection of independent titles, now including *Monsoon* and *Miss Juneteenth*, and replicate the experience of scheduled film screenings. Attendees are able to use a chat functionality to discuss films, just like if everyone was in the same room together.

[Find out more](#)



Cinema For All: Community Cinema Mini Conference 2021

Join Cinema For All online for a day of panels, talks, masterclasses and networking for volunteer-led cinema organisers. They'll be looking at the key issues surrounding reopening community cinemas and film societies, how to make an attractive series of online film screenings, maintaining a community throughout lockdown and more. Tickets are priced on a sliding scale, with a limited number of free places available.

[Find out more](#)



International Women's Day 2021: Filmmaker panels and more

Online International Women's Day events throughout March bring opportunities for filmmakers to network and hear from women in the film industry. These include *Animated Women UK: International Women's Day Networking Event* (Thursday 11 March, 6:30pm-8pm), *Girl Power Film + Media Summit: Digital Edition* (Saturday 13 March, 6pm - Sunday 14 March, 10pm) and *Minute Shorts x Girls in Film present: Who Gets to Write Women's Stories?* (Wednesday 31 March, 7:30pm-9:30pm).

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