

LEEDS FILM NEWSLETTER



Film at Home: LIFF Stay Home Shorts

We're curating special programmes of films available online to share with you while we all miss going to the cinema. Our first programme is an 80-minute selection of 9 short films from previous editions of Leeds International Film Festival, all former LIFF audience favourites and mainly animations, plus two musical interludes and one Yorkshire treat.

As the need for social distancing forces the closure of cinemas, we are adapting to new ways of experiencing the film culture we are so passionate about. From the incredible wealth of films available to view online to historical film archives and live-streamed Q&As, Leeds Film are keeping you up-to-date with the best new online film content and exciting new developments across viewing platforms in our Film at Home series.

[Watch LIFF Stay Home Shorts](#)

In this month's Leeds Film Newsletter: *Film Festivals Online, Leeds Young Film Festival news, #HydeParkPicks, Curzon Home Cinema Q&As and Yorkshire on Film...*



Film at Home: Film Festivals Online

Covid-19 has forced many festivals to postpone or cancel their upcoming editions, with many adapting to the circumstances in impressively fast and inventive ways. Check out our [Film at Home: Film Festivals Online](#) guide for summaries of films now available online at the hip American film and multimedia festival South by Southwest, London LGBTIQ+ extravaganza BFI Flare, Greece's long-running Thessaloniki International Film Festival, and more.

Film at Home: Hidden Film Gems Online

There are 1000s of hidden gems from various international film studios and archives that are only a few clicks away and free of charge. Our [Film at Home: Hidden Film Gems Online](#) guide outlines three online libraries: Soviet era classics from the oldest Russian Film Studio, Mosfilm, rarely seen Korean film archive gems including favourites of Parasite director, Bong Joon-Ho, and a rich history of documentaries and animation at the National Film Board of Canada.



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. We're keeping you updated with the latest as they become available in our [Film at Home: LIFF Films Now Streaming](#) guide which includes Pink Wall, telling the story of a young couple's relationship during six different stages and Ordinary Love, starring Lesley Manville and Liam Neeson as a committed couple facing cancer together.

Leeds Young Film Festival's online Easter programme for the whole family

With [Leeds Young Film Festival's postponement](#), we aren't hitting the brakes on family entertainment over Easter! Our expert programmers select 10 of the best family films every Friday in our [LYFF Picks](#). We've launched a [new filmmaking project](#) where you're challenged to get creative from home. Finally, we're recruiting Special Agents for our [LYFF Jury](#), an online programme of short films from the festival.

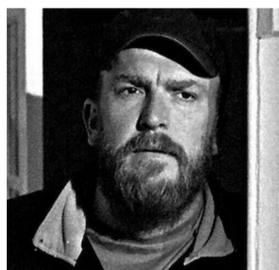


Hyde Park Picks: Daily recommendations from Hyde Park Picture House

Hyde Park Picture House has launched a new, daily online feature making recommendations for the best films available to view online each day. With a focus on new releases, [#HydeParkPicks](#) come with added extras including recorded introductions, further reading and related watching. Follow [@HydeParkPH](#) on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for daily updates. Recent picks include [Bacurau](#), a genre-bending Brazilian adventure currently on MUBI.

Curzon Living Room Q&As

Curzon presents a new season of live streamed [Living Room Q&As](#) with award-winning directors, that you can enjoy for free from the comfort of your sofa. Recent instalments include [Haifaa Al Mansour](#) (The Perfect Candidate), [Nora Fingscheidt](#) (System Crasher) and [Mark Jenkin](#) (Bait), all available now. Upcoming highlights will also be available to watch following their initial broadcast, and include Q&As with Lorcan Finnegan (Vivarium), Asif Kapadia (Diego Maradona) and Joanna Hogg (The Souvenir). [More Info](#)



Vivarium Q&A Thu 9 April, 8.30pm. Diego Maradona Q&A Tue 14 April, 8.30pm & The Souvenir Q&A Fri 17 April, 8.30pm

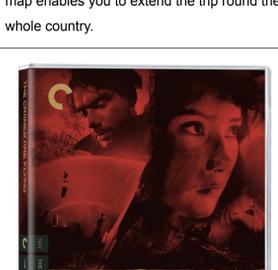


Northern Festivals React to Covid-19

[Sheffield Doc/Fest](#) will take place in an alternate format for 2020, with virtual events in June and a series of programmes that will take place on weekends through the autumn. In the meantime you can enjoy an array of films from their [previous editions](#) online. [Leeds Queer Film Festival](#) has made a brilliant free resource of over 100 online [LGBTIQ+ films](#) and [Flatpack Festival](#) has announced a [home entertainment edition](#), bringing their BAFTA-qualifying short film competition direct to your home.

Yorkshire on Film – Get Out and About Online

If you're frustrated by being unable to get out and about in beautiful Yorkshire during the lockdown, there are various onscreen options that might help. [Holmeflix](#) is a vimeo channel with free short films made in the Holme Valley. [Screen Yorkshire](#) has collated a great list of TV and film productions made in this county. You could also check out Francis Lee's award-winning [God's Own Country](#), available to [rent or buy](#) on various streaming platforms. BFI's [Britain on Film](#) map enables you to extend the trip round the whole country.



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's exceptional series of classic world cinema. April's releases include *The Cranes Are Flying* (1957), *They Live By Night* (1948) and *The Prince of Tides* (1991). To enter, answer: *In which 1967 drama did 'The Cranes Are Flying' actress Tatyana Samoylova star in the lead role?* Email answers to leeds.film@leeds.gov.uk.

Enter by midnight, Thursday 30 April. The competition is open to UK residents only

Film industry support during Covid-19...



British Film and TV Industry Support During the Covid-19 Crisis

The British Film Industry is pulling together in these difficult times and there are various resources and opportunities for support being offered by national and regional film organisations. The BFI has set up a new [Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund](#) to provide one-off grants from £500-£2,500 to active workers in film, TV and cinema facing significant financial hardship as a result of the crisis.

[Film Hub North](#) is collating information about support for the North's Film Sector including help and information on their own funded projects. Cinema For All are offering [Advice While We Stay at Home](#) tailored specifically for Community Cinemas. The BFI Network are offering expert advice on [How to Manage your Mental Health as a Filmmaker](#).

