

# LEEDS FILM CITY NEWSLETTER



## The Big Meeting + Q&A: The proud legacy of the Durham Miners' gala

Daniel Draper, director of *The Nature of the Beast* (2017's tribute to Labour MP Dennis Skinner) returns with a documentary on the annual Durham Miner's gala. The trade union festival features brass band music, speeches and outdoor celebrations, and is a remarkable expression of working class solidarity attracting over 200,000 attendees.

Long after the closure of the coal mining industry, those in the North-East are committed to preserving their identity. Draper's documentary captures the spirit of the event held since 1871 and known as The Big Meeting. Draper and Leeds East MP Richard Burgon will join in-person for a Q&A at the Hyde Park Picture House. [Trailer](#)

Sun 15 September, 6pm + Q&A. Hyde Park Picture House ([Tickets](#))  
Fri 6 - Tue 10 September. Square Chapel, Halifax ([Tickets](#))

Win The Criterion Collection's September releases on Blu-ray, Christian Petzold's enigmatic thriller *Transit* + *Fleabag* live in cinemas...

### Win The Criterion Collection's September releases on Blu-ray

Our Criterion Collection competition gives you the chance to win two bundles of the latest Blu-rays from their exceptional series of new and classic world cinema. September's releases include Samuel Fuller's crime-dramas *Shock Corridor* (1963) and *The Naked Kiss* (1964) with brand new cover art by graphic novel artist Daniel Clowes, and Abbas Kiarostami's beautifully poetic *The Koker Trilogy*.



[Click here](#) to enter by Fri 27 September



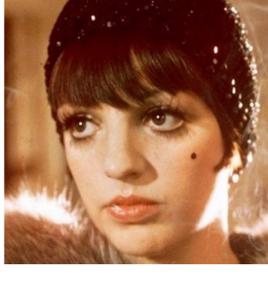
### Transit: Love in exile

Based on the eponymous novel by Anna Seghers and directed by Christian Petzold (Phoenix, Barbara), *Transit* follows a man who belongs to a persecuted minority and attempts to escape from fascist-run France to America. Having stolen the identity of a deceased author, he falls in love with a mysterious woman who is desperate to find her missing husband. Franz Rogowski and Paula Beer star in this enigmatic thriller. [Trailer](#)

From Fri 6 September. [Square Chapel](#), Halifax & Tue 10 September, 6.15pm. [Hyde Park Picture House](#)

### Fosse in Film: Liza Minnelli Double Bill and more at Scalarama Leeds

Mashiya Presents celebrates the work of director and choreographer Bob Fosse with a selection of screenings at Scalarama Leeds. Beginning with a Liza Minnelli double bill featuring the classic *Cabaret* ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)) and concert film *Liza with a Z* ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)) at The Wardrobe, there's also *Lenny*, a biopic of controversial comedian Lenny Bruce and the semi-autobiographical *All that Jazz*.



*Liza Minnelli Double Bill*: Thu 12 September, 7pm & 9.40pm. *The Wardrobe*



### National Theatre Live: Fleabag

Written and performed by the sensational Phoebe Waller-Bridge (*Killing Eve*) and broadcast live from London's West End is the award-winning, one-woman show *Fleabag*. The widely commended stage show, which inspired the much-loved BBC Series of the same name, is drawing to a close and the final performance can be seen in cinemas this month. Following the final live broadcast there will be several encore screenings. [Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)

Tues 12 September. Various venues

### Ad Astra: Brad Pitt goes intergalactic in epic space drama

From the ambitious director James Gray (*The Immigrant*, *The Lost City of Z*) comes the extraordinary new space drama *Ad Astra*. This visually thrilling epic stars Brad Pitt in an understated performance as astronaut Roy McBride. With his father missing and a mysterious threat endangering survival, McBride journeys deep into the vast solar system to discover the truth and protect life on our planet. [Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)



From Weds 18 September. Citywide & From Fri 20 September. [Hyde Park Picture House](#)



### Leeds Animation: Workshop in Residence + Animated in Leeds

The long-running women's animation collective Leeds Animation Workshop are celebrated by Scalarama Leeds with a day of activity at Chapel FM arts centre. There will be a free drop-in session showcasing their unique artwork and film stills at their *Workshop in Residence* and the *Animated in Leeds* programme will feature a selection of their films along with a chance to meet and hear from the filmmakers themselves.

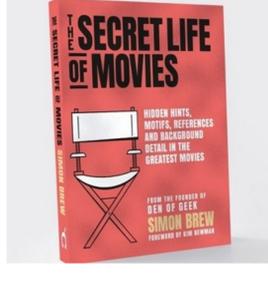
Sat 7 September, 2pm & 7.30pm. Chapel FM, Seacroft

### Heritage Open Days: Cinema Open Days

Heritage Open Days have provided the unique chance to explore historic cinemas the Hyde Park Picture House and Hebden Bridge Picture House with two cinema open days. The free tours will give a rare opportunity to discover the fascinating history of the cinemas and to see their inner workings, with an additional chance to look closer at Hyde Park Picture House's 35mm and 16mm [projection facilities](#) on Thu 19 September, 1pm.



Sat 14 September, 10am. [Hebden Bridge Picture House](#) & Sun 22 September, 10am. [Hyde Park Picture House](#)



### Simon Brew: Film Stories Live + Top Secret! with introduction

Join Simon Brew, founder of Film Stories and Den of Geek, for an evening of first class movie chat with Film Stories Live ([Tickets](#)). He'll be sharing his most gloriously geeky stories from the film world and discussing how to break into writing about film. There will also be a screening of the fantastically silly 80s comedy *Top Secret!* ([Tickets](#) | [Trailer](#)). Starring Val Kilmer, *Top Secret!* is a spoof comedy from the directors of *Airplane!* and the screening will have a special introduction from Simon.

Sat 7 September, 7pm & 8.30pm. Square Chapel, Halifax

Industry opportunities in Leeds and beyond...



### Volunteer for Light Night Leeds 2019

Applications to volunteer at one of the UK's largest free light festivals are open! See Leeds' most iconic spaces and venues become host to local and international artists, large scale light installations, music and illuminated parades. Meet artists from around the world, get behind the scenes and help create a fun and exciting atmosphere for thousands of attendees.

[Apply](#) by Weds 25 September

### West Yorkshire Combined Authority announce £2.5m creative funding pot

Ahead of Channel 4's relocation to Leeds in 2020, West Yorkshire Combined Authority have announced two new funding programmes for creative industries including TV, film and media companies in the Leeds City Region. The #Welcome scheme offers grants of £10,000-£50,000 to support small and medium sized businesses to establish new operations. The #Grow scheme has been developed to help businesses already in the region expand.



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