



If Beale Street Could Talk: Moonlight director's emotional knockout

Director Barry Jenkins returns following his Oscar-winning feature Moonlight with another film of remarkable emotional gravity. If Beale Street Could Talk tells the story of impossible love on the streets of 1970s Harlem, as a young African-American couple fight to be together against a backdrop of social change and injustice.

Based on the novel by James Baldwin and featuring a largely unknown cast, If Beale Street Could Talk evokes 1970s New York with a melancholy grandeur. The story focusses on Tish, who must prove her lover's innocence while carrying their first child.

(Tickets | Trailer)

Now screening. Citywide

This week features announcements for some fantastic festival events happening in the Leeds City region. See what's coming up at Leeds Lit Fest, Leeds Queer Film Festival, Hebden Bridge Film Festival and more...



Burning: Lee Chang-dong's mesmerising thriller

A beautifully-crafted mystery thriller based on a short story about obsessive love by Haruki Murakami. Burning starts out as a story about a delivery man who cares for his girlfriend's cat while she goes away to Africa. When she returns with a stranger, a complex relationship emerges between the three. This expansive Korean film has received widespread critical acclaim for its subtlety and sense of atmosphere.

(Tickets | Trailer)

From Sat 16 February. Screenings at Hyde Park Picture House and Square Chapel, Halifax

Leeds Queer Film Festival 2019: Full programme revealed

LQFF gets bigger and bigger every year, and its programme has more variety than ever in 2019. Amongst this year's selection of international features, shorts, workshops and talks, there's Kenyan film Rafiki, about the romance between the daughters of two politicians battling it out in a bitter local election. There are documentaries on gay underground comics and the history of lesbian cinema, as well as food and a big Saturday night party. (Tickets | Trailer)



Thu 21 - Sun 24 March. Live Art Bistro



Leeds Lit Fest: Film events at Leeds' first citywide literature festival

March sees the launch of Leeds Lit Fest, a citywide celebration of local writers, performers and artists showcasing their talents alongside guests from the UK and beyond. These will include David Peace, author of The Damned United, which was adapted for an acclaimed film. Script Yorkshire celebrate their 30th anniversary with a screening of supernatural gangster comedy Poltergeist (Tickets | Trailer), which is followed by a Q&A with director Dave Gilbank. Explore the programme

Wed 6 March - Sun 10 March. Citywide

Bradford marks 10th anniversary as first UNESCO City of Film

In 2009, Bradford became the world's first UNESCO City of Film, bringing an impressive range of film and TV productions to be filmed in the region, including Peaky Blinders and God's Own Country. This 10th anniversary will be celebrated with a year of events, including Channel 4's DIVERSE festival, which takes place following the announcement that the channel will open a new HQ in Leeds, the Get Smart Film Festival, and a Screen Talks series featuring industry figures from Dr Who, Downton Abbey, and Game of Thrones.



Find out more



Hebden Bridge Film Festival: Maxine Peake & Jessica Hynes

The first Hebden Bridge Film Festival will welcome its patron Maxine Peake, and Jessica Hynes (Spaced, W1A) as special guests in March. Jessica Hynes stars in The Fight, which is also her debut feature as director, and will appear for a Q&A following the film. The full festival line-up will be announced in March, and includes Wild Rose, which stars Jessie Buckley (Beast) as a Glasgow mother who hopes to become a country singer. (Tickets | Trailer)

Hebden Bridge Picture House & Town Hall. Fri 22 - Sun 24 March

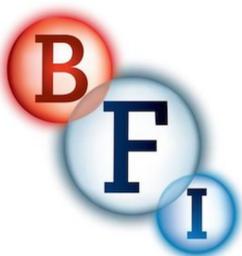
Bergman: A Year in the Life - a film legend under the lens

Ingmar Bergman is one of the most prolific and celebrated figures in world cinema. In 1957, he directed two feature films and four plays, in a typically intense period of activity which saw him draw richly on his own life experiences.

Filmmaker Jane Magnusson looks at his inner workings and complex personal life in this fascinating documentary. (Tickets | Trailer)



Sun 24 & Wed 27 February. Hyde Park Picture House



BFI Young Audiences Content Fund: New roles in Leeds

January saw the announcement of a new head of the BFI Young Audiences Content Fund to be based in Leeds, with the fund opening for applications in April. Several new roles have now been announced to implement and deliver the fund, including Executives for Business Affairs, Development and Production, and Project Manager, Administrator and Coordinator. Explore BFI Opportunities to find out more.

Closing dates for applications are between 20 - 26 February.

