

# the 9<sup>th</sup> keswick film festival

10 - 13 April 08

Theatre by the Lake & Alhambra Cinema, Keswick





## Welcome

As the Keswick Film Festival enters its tenth year we welcome those who have been before and our new film-goers. On the feedback from the Feb Film event a number of people used the words 'friendly' and 'welcoming' as well as giving the films excellent scores and overall they attracted good attendance. Once again we believe we have a great line-up for you at this main event. We have nine pre-releases, films from Iraq, Israel, Italy, France, Hungary, Mexico, Estonia, Germany, Russia, Switzerland and the Czech Republic as well as the UK and the US. There is the opportunity to see three Michael Winner films and to hear him talk about his life in film-making. We also have Carl Hunter who made *Grow Your Own* talking about his film. As usual thanks and congratulations go to the committee, those who have sponsored and supported us, and to you, our loyal audience. Each year we look at how we can continue to do the things that work better and how to add in something slightly new and different for you, the audience to enjoy. Let us know in the feedback and have an excellent weekend.

**Ann Martin, Co-ordinator**

## Pricing

	Pass	Single
Concessionary Price	£ 21	£ 3
Film Club Members	£ 32	£ 4
Non-Members	£ 40	£ 5

### **Please Note**

Passes allow entry for all events including talks (but not workshops) but do not guarantee entry to any particular event. For events in the Studio passholders are advised to reserve a seat in advance.

### **Concessions**

- Under 16 years of age
- in full time education
- registered unwaged

### **Advance Sales**

- Theatre by the Lake, Keswick
- [www.theatrebythelake.com](http://www.theatrebythelake.com)
  - 017687 74411
  - open 9:30am-8:00pm
  - until 30 mins before screening
  - passholders reservation tickets for studio performances

### **On the Door Sales**

- Theatre by the Lake, Keswick  
Lonsdale Alhambra Cinema, Keswick
- single tickets available 30 mins prior to each film
  - Thursday, pass collection and sale from 6:30pm Theatre by the Lake

[www.keswickfilmfestival.org](http://www.keswickfilmfestival.org)

## Extras

### **Shorts Competition**

- **Free entry**
- **Sunday 10:30 in the Studio**

All entrants or short films will have some relation to Cumbria. This is run in conjunction with the Carlisle Film Collective. The short listed films will be screened and the winners announced

### **Script to Screen**

- **£5 (not included in the pass)**
- **Saturday 9:30-11:45 at Theatre by the Lake**

A film workshop run by Carlisle Film Collective. Check website and posters for further details

### **Michael Winner Talk**

- **Priced as films, free to passholders**
- **Saturday 15:00 in the Theatre**

My Life in the Movies and Other Places

### **Circle Gallery, Theatre by the Lake**

To accompany the 9th Keswick Film Festival, this exhibition displays a selection of film-related scenes from World War II Britain. The images are drawn from the Daily Herald picture library, now housed at the National Media Museum.





# Thursday

## Opening Party

**18:30, Theatre**

As usual the Opening Party is for pass-holders and invited guests. We hope to be joined by some of our guest directors and producers and there will be food and drinks available.

## Opening Film TBC

**19:30, Theatre**

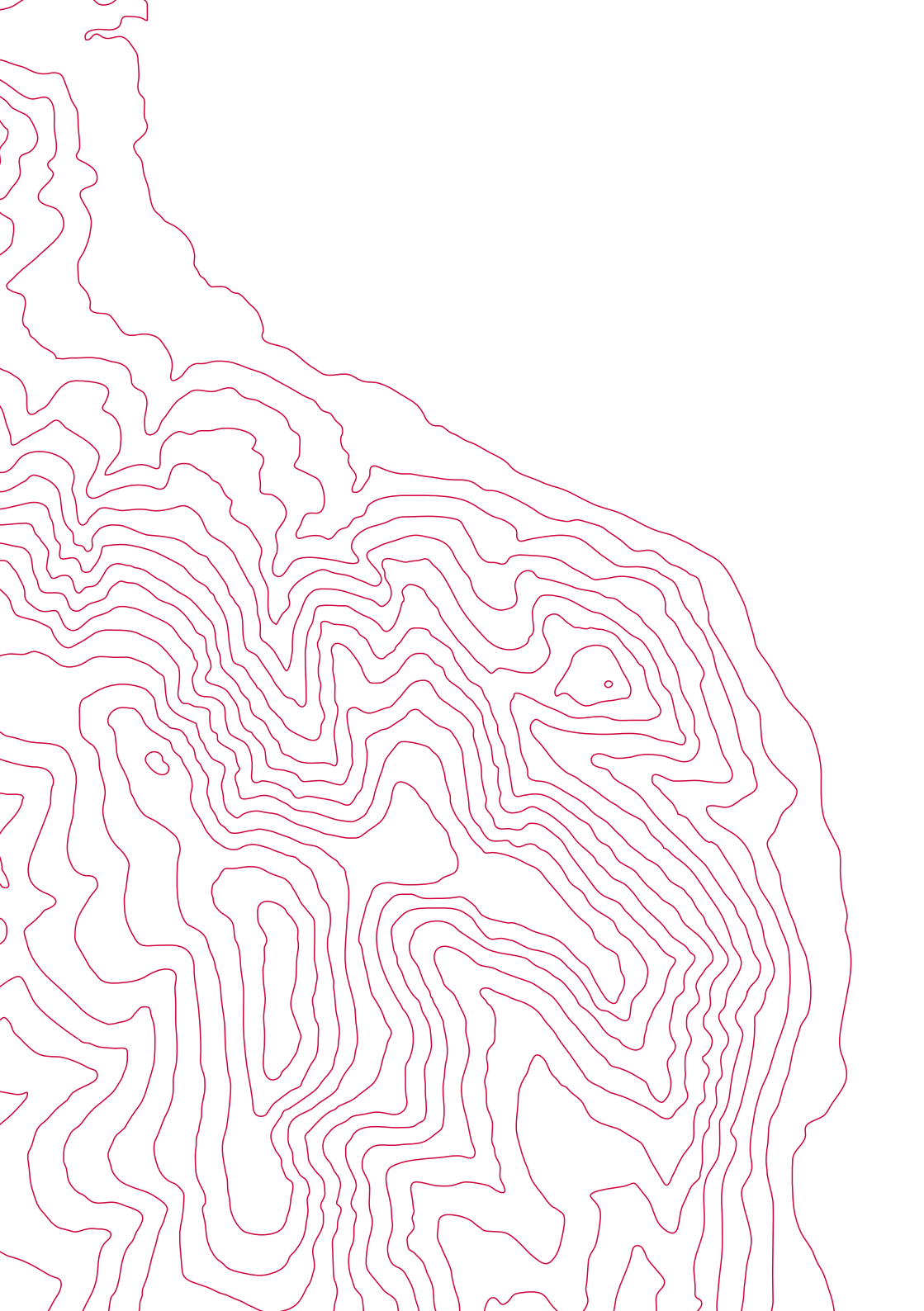
Our Opening Film will be announced soon. Sadly we heard just before the brochure was going to press that Mr Bhatti on Chutti, the Bollywood type film made in Carlisle and the Lake District is unlikely to be ready in time so we have delayed the printing of the brochure to change the information in this slot.

We are chasing an excellent substitute film and will be announcing this as soon as we know its definite.

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# Friday

## Libero (15)

*(Anche libero va bene)*

### Kim Rossi Stuart

**12:00, Studio**

This directing debut garnered a number of European awards in 2006 but is only now reaching our shores. A father struggles to bring up his daughter and son in a cramped Rome apartment. Seen from the plaintive point of view of the son (a scintillating performance by 11-year-old Alessandro Morace), the film charts the effects of the mother's surprise return, the volatility of the father and the delicate changes the boy is undergoing. 'Affecting and quite brilliantly acted...a heartfelt film that lingers in the mind.' (*Peter Whittle, Sunday Times*)

**Thanks to Axiom Films**

**Italy, 2006, Subtitles, 108 mins**

## Ahlaam (15)

### Mohamed Al Daradji

**14:15, Theatre**

In 2003, in the aftermath of Iraq's invasion, the patients of a mental hospital escape into the crazed Baghdad world. Medical student Mehdi, trapped in lowly work by his late father's activism against Saddam, gets the help of patriotic soldier (and asylum inmate) Ali to round up the lost patients – among them Ahlaam in her wedding dress, searching hopelessly for her lost fiancé. This is an unflinching story of life pre- and post-Saddam, a rare chance to see an Iraqi point-of-view. The film-makers were kidnapped by insurgents and interrogated by US soldiers during the shoot, yet survived to tell an extraordinary tale. 'That any film should be made under such circumstances is extraordinary in itself, but that the film should also look so good and be so compelling, is nothing short of a miracle.' (Anton Bitel, Channel 4 Film)

**Thanks to Winstone Film Distributors**

**Iraq, 2005, Subtitles, 111 mins**



## The Jokers (U)

### Michael Winner

15:00, Alhambra

At the height of the Sixties, Winner's fast-paced directing style combined with the subversive humour of Clement and La Frenais to produce this popular comedy-thriller. Michael Crawford and Oliver Reed are brothers whose love for practical jokes leads them to keep upping the ante until their next project is to steal the crown jewels – just to show it can be done. 'Sight gags and underplayed British throwaway gags are interleaved neatly with the growing suspense over whether the guys will succeed.' (*Variety in 1967*) 'Oliver Reed is very funny as a weary, wise, heroic-but-modest military man.' (*Roger Ebert in 1968, Chicago Sun-Times*)

Michael Winner's own print

UK, 1967, 96 mins

## Silent Light (15)

(*Stellet licht*)

### Carlos Reygadas

17:00, Theatre

This multiple international award-winner (including the jury prize at Cannes 2007) begins with a lengthy shot of dawn over the north Mexican plains. But this is not everyday Mexico: we are in a Mennonite community that still speaks the Dutch-German dialect of their founders. At the same leisurely pace, there unfolds a stately yet disturbing drama, of the passion of an upright member of the community for a married woman, and the burden this places on the man's wife, who knows of the affair from the outset. Reygadas uses breathtaking camerawork and non-professional actors to convey the strangeness of this world and of his story, a remarkable advance on his previous two films.. 'Startling and engaging' (*Kate Lloyd, BBCi*)

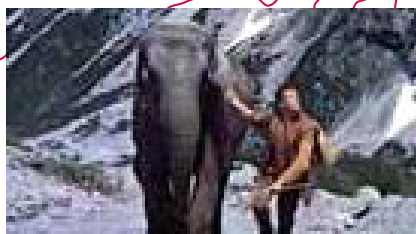
Thanks to Winstone Film Distributors

Mexico/France/Netherlands/  
Germany, 2007, Subtitles, 136 mins





\*PR = PreRelease



## The Class (PR)

(Klass)

### Ilmar Raag

17:00, Studio

Raag was apparently inspired by the Columbine high-school massacre to make this award-winning film. He took a different approach from Gus van Sant's *Elephant*, however, gathering together a group of inexperienced young actors in workshops out of which the story emerged, with great credit to all involved, and offering an explanation of how such horror comes about. Two 16-year-old school outsiders try to protect each other, but find the bullying of their peers growing in intensity. Soon there seems only one way out. 'Asks a lot of ugly questions about peer pressure, bullying and one's rights to revenge or at least defend oneself...accomplished...'

(Boyd van Hoeij, *European-films.net*)

**UK premiere - Thanks to Amrion OÜ**

**Estonia, 2007, Subtitles, 99 mins**

## Hannibal Brooks (U)

### Michael Winner

18:00, Alhambra

Oliver Reed plays a zoo-keeping prisoner of war charged with looking after Lucy the elephant when she has to be moved, owing to the small matter of the Second World War going on all around them, from Berlin to Innsbruck. 'Hannibal Brooks, like Lucy, has a kind of slow, tranquilized dignity and a disarming desire to please.' (*Vincent Canby, New York Times*) Long before *Porridge* or *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*, the venerable writing team of Clement and La Frenais penned this quirky and funny romp. 'A novel and picturesque take on the traditional escape-based war movie.' (*Graeme Clark, The Spinning Image*)

**Michael Winner's own print**

**UK, 1969, 102 mins**



## Private Property (PR)

(Nue Propriété)

### Joachim Lafosse

20:15, Theatre

Isabelle Huppert plays the mother of teenage sons who are possessive and self-centred. When she transgresses their world of secrets, and suggests she sells the house in which they live so she can start anew with her man friend, a family tragedy is set in motion. Powerful acting from Huppert, and from Jérémie Renier alongside his real-life brother as the two sons, combine with restrained but unflinching direction to make this an emotional thriller, a gripping family drama which '...etches the line between love and hate with a savagery that is almost unprecedented' (*LA Times*)

**UK premiere - thanks to Soda Pictures**

**France/Belgium/Luxembourg, 2006**

**Subtitles, 105 mins**

## Lars and the Real Girl (12a)

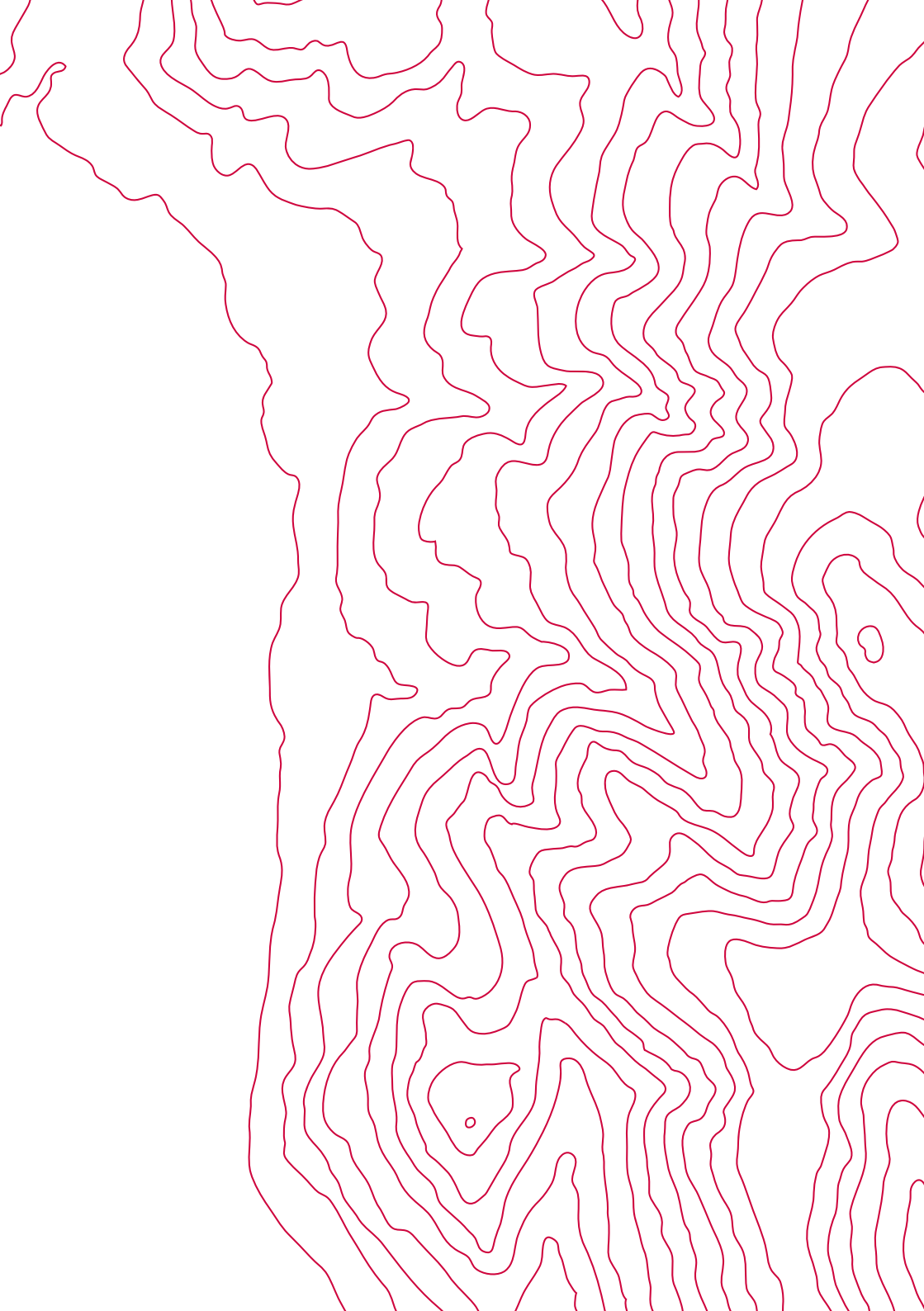
### Craig Gillespie

20:30, Alhambra

Ryan Gosling makes an excellent job of playing Lars - the shy, possibly borderline autistic in this touching comedy of a young man who hits on the delusional idea of taking a life-sized doll along as his girlfriend to enable him to make social contact. Fine supporting acting from Patricia Clarkson as the family doctor, sensitive to the suffering caused by the loss of his parents, advises Lars' remaining relatives (Emily Mortimer and Paul Schneider) to indulge the make-believe for therapeutic reasons. There is fine interaction of the characters in Gillespie's clever direction - even the mail-order fiancée seems to come to life - and serious themes are treated without undermining the engaging comedy of the whole.

**Thanks to Verve Pictures**

**US, 2007, 106 mins**





**Saturday**

Juno (12a)

## Jason Reitman

12:00, Theatre

'A fiction with irresistible charm and wit' said Peter Bradshaw of The Guardian in a five-star review. Some have been more cautious, especially since this is the latest in a recent spate of American movies that greet unexpected pregnancy by ducking the abortion issue. Nevertheless most viewers have been charmed and indeed uplifted by Ellen Page's portrayal of a 16-year-old with panache and a snappy gift for dialogue (winning newcomer Diablo Cody the 2008 Oscar for best screenplay), as the young woman meets the uptight potential adoptees of her unborn baby and learns about power, sexuality and the hypocrisies of the adult world. Jason Reitman was close to winning the Best Director Oscar for this a few weeks ago.

**Thanks to Film Quest**

**US, 2007, 96 mins**



The Italian (12a)

*(Italianetz)*

## Karan Razdan

12:00, Alhambra

A suitable film for children and adults, The Italian tells the story of young Vanya, who, abandoned in an orphanage, faces the possibility of being adopted and taken to Italy – portrayed as warm and welcoming compared to the coldness of Mother Russia. For the first time the boy (a fine child actor, Kolya Spiridonov) begins to wonder about his natural mother. He reads his personal file then sets off across the country with only a distant address and his own resourcefulness to guide him, pursued by the ruthless adoption broker (played by the veteran Mariya Kuznetsova, most recently seen here in Russian Ark). 'A deeply moving experience, alternately funny and sad. Based on a real incident, it has the ring of truth.'

*(Ruthe Stein, SF Chronicle)*

**Thanks to Soda Pictures**

**Russia, 2005, Subtitles, 99 mins**



# Beaufort

## Joseph Cedar

14:30, Studio

Beaufort explores themes of survival, camaraderie and the futility of war. Cedar was himself in the Israeli army, and his portrayal of an Israeli army unit guarding an old Crusader castle in South Lebanon reeks of authenticity. It won him the Silver Bear at Berlin in 2007 and nomination for the Best Film in a Foreign Language Oscar. The film's take on the conflict with Hezbollah is 'neither guilty nor jingoistic' (*New York Times*) and its distance from the politics enable it to be reflective and philosophical about its war themes. 'Mesmerizing...memorably claustrophobic and fatalistic, Cedar's film recalls the great war films of Renoir and Kubrick.' (*Andrew O'Hehir, salon.com*)

**England premiere - Thanks to Trinity  
Filmed Entertainment**

**Israel, 2007, Subtitles, 125 mins**

# Joy Division (PR)

## Grant Gee

14:30, Alhambra

A perfect companion-piece to *Control*, shown at the Festival's February weekend. This documentary tells how a bunch of lads from Manchester, terribly derivative to start with, went into the studio for six months and emerged, with the help of producer Martin Hannett, as the definitive post-punk band Joy Division. Gee 'has a knack for non-fiction storytelling' (*Stephanie Zacharek, salon.com*). With access to all the key players - including the words of frontman Ian Curtis' widow Deborah as well as the presence of Curtis' then girlfriend - he provides a fascinating account of the band's achievements, downfall, and how those left behind by Curtis' suicide recovered to become New Order.

**NW England premiere - thanks to The  
Works International**

**UK, 2008, 93 mins**



# The Edge of Heaven <sup>(15)</sup>

(Auf der Anderen Seite)

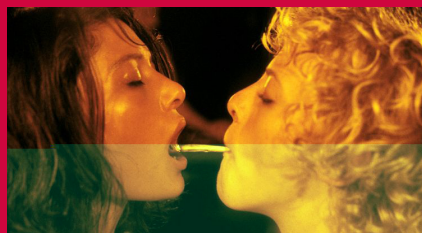
**Fatih Akin**

**17:00, Alhambra**

This won Akin Best Screenplay at Cannes to go with his previous awards, including the Berlin Golden Bear for Head-On (2004). Like the earlier film, the movie shifts between Germany and Turkey, but with far greater complexity as it focuses initially on the lives of father and son, first- and second-generation Turkish immigrants: the father a charming scoundrel, the son a respected professor. Then it daringly leaps to the life of Ayten, a Turkish left-wing activist who escapes to Germany in search of her mother, whom she believes is working in a shoe-shop; actually, a prostitute. The interwoven narratives create rich layers of (justified) coincidence – compared by some to Babel. 'This is a movie rooted in reality that attains great moral and spiritual power...It's wonderfully acted, deeply moving and curiously illuminating.' (Phillip French, *The Observer*)

**Thanks to Artificial Eye**

**Germany/Turkey, 2007, Subtitles  
122 mins**



# Grow your Own <sup>(PG)</sup>

**Richard Laxton**

**17:30, Studio**

Written by Carl Hunter and Frank Cottrell Boyce (one of Britain's greatest screenwriters and responsible for most of Michael Winterbottom's recent successes) this amusing story tells of a traumatised asylum seeker from China who's given an allotment to help him integrate, in the midst of a group of prejudiced and eccentric Brits – growers trying to sell out to a mobile phone company. This is a subtle look at the changing face of working-class society as it faces up to the phenomenon of ethnic immigration, called by Mark Kermode 'an amiable post-East Is East social comedy that uses the tensions on a Northern allotment as a paradigm for multicultural Britain.'

**Carl Hunter will be here to introduce and discuss his film on 12th April.**

**UK, 2007, 97 mins**



# Death Wish <sup>(18)</sup>

**Michael Winner**

**17:30, Theatre**

Love it or loathe it, the first Death Wish was a stylish, genre-defining movie. A bleeding-heart liberal architect turns vigilante when a client renews his long-festering interest in guns, and his wife and daughter are sexually assaulted and killed. The film turned Charles Bronson from a character actor into a major star; his fans believe this is Bronson's best solo turn, before the later movies in the franchise concentrated on the violence, rather than on the ambiguities of a deranged New Yorker taking the law into his own hands. Nevertheless, there is violence a-plenty. This is the movie Sly Stallone wants to remake for today: watch out. (Or at least enjoy the brilliant Oscar-nominated score by Herbie Hancock)

**Thanks to Paramount**

**UK, 1974, 94 mins**



# Honeydripper <sup>(PR)</sup>

**John Sayles**

**20:00, Alhambra**

Veteran writer-director Sayles finds the roots of rock and roll – and a moment of profound change – in small-town Alabama, 1950. A small-time club owner stakes everything on one big gig starring the legendary Guitar Sam. Well, Sam ain't coming, but who knows what he looks like? And just blown into town is a young musician named Sonny with one of these new-fangled electric guitars and quite a voice on him. Sayles uses stereotypes like Stacy Keach's racist sheriff, then subverts them. The authenticity of the locale and the music (Gary Clark Jr as Sonny really is a rising blues star) resonate against the magic of the tale. 'A musical fable, the film uses (Sayles') typically robust ensemble performances, crackling dialogue and a boogie-woogie soul.' (Kevin Crust, *LA Times*)

**NW England premiere – Thanks to Axiom Films**

**US, 2007, 123 mins**





# No Country for Old Men

**Coen Brothers** (15)

20:15, Theatre

The Coens' latest, and some say their best (well, just look at the four Oscars it's garnered), is part-thriller set in a blood-soaked Texas, and part-character study, exquisitely adapting Cormac McCarthy's novel. Tommy Lee Jones is the lawman subtly portraying a vain attempt to bring morality to bear on evil; Josh Brolin is the small-time crook who stumbles on two million dollars, which proves a lot harder to hang on to than to find; and Javier Bardem is the ruthless bounty-hunter with a dark line in cynicism and skill in killing people with a cattle stungun. 'This movie is a masterful evocation of time, place, character, moral choices, immoral certainties, human nature and fate.' (*Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times*)

**Thanks to Paramount**

**US, 2007, 122 mins**

# The Orphanage

(15)  
*(El Orfanato)*

**Juan Antonio Bayona**

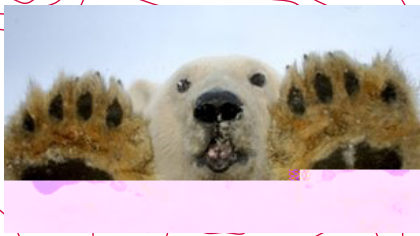
22:30, Alhambra

This is a multi-award winner by debut director Bayona, with Pan's Labyrinth's del Toro as producer. Belen Rueda plays Laura, who returns in her 30's to take over the orphanage she was briefly in as a child. But soon her son Simon seems to see imaginary beings that she too sees. What's going on? The minimum of special effects provokes the maximum of fearful anticipation. When the sick boy goes missing, Laura's and her husband's search for the child is also a spooky, skilfully-made journey into the darker recesses of the human imagination. 'A superior ghost story...when (Laura) walks down a dark staircase, or into an unlit corridor or a gloomy room, we're tense and fearful, whether we're experiencing a haunted house or a haunted mind.' (*Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times*)

**Thanks to Optimum Releasing**

**Mexico/Spain, 2007, Subtitles  
106 mins**





# Sunday

Earth (PG)

**Alastair Fothergill & Mark Linfield**

12:00, Theatre

Specially chosen for both adults and children to marvel at on the Theatre's big screen, *Earth* brings you images such as you have never seen. Concentrating on the movement of a few animals, but meeting plenty of others along the way, we take a journey from North to South Pole over the course of a year, and in the words of BBCi's Ann Kelly, 'No shot is less than dazzling, most are beautiful and many are stunning.' There is some censorship of the nastier things in nature, but the serious message of the pictures is that the damage mankind is doing to the earth is stark, and, if we are not careful, terminal. In the final analysis though, most critics appear simply stunned at the beauty of this film.

**Thanks to Lionsgate Films**

**UK, 2007, 99 mins**

Water Lilies (15)

*(La naissance des pieuvres)*

**Céline Sciamma**

12:00, Alhambra

Sciamma's first feature as writer-director offers a whole new angle on the world of synchronised swimming; or rather, it uses that world to provide insights into the world of teenage girls. Marie, Floriane and Anne fall in and out of love – in one case, with each other – and, as Lisa Nesselson at *variety.com* assures us, 'Be it pretty lasses or their ordinary-looking peers, male viewers can rest assured that this is an accurate take on distaff disarray.' There are no adults in sight, no male perspectives. Just the young women, their rivalries and affections, their progress to adulthood. 'Probing and impressively assured fest-ready gem is brimming with talent to watch.'

*(Lisa Nesselson, Variety)*

**Thanks to Slingshot Studios**

**France, 2007, Subtitles, 85 mins**



## L'Orchestra di Piazza Vittorio <sup>(PR)</sup>

**Agostino Ferrente**

**12:00, Studio**

Ferrente and keyboard player Mario Tranco both live in the vibrant but rundown area of Piazza Vittorio. To save their local theatre, the Apollo, they set up the Apollo 11 project – as optimistic as its moon-landing namesake – and decide to try and gather a multi-ethnic orchestra to publicise the cause. To the soundtrack of the eventual orchestra's music, Ferrente enthusiastically and humorously draws us into the search for musicians and the attempt to integrate their diverse skills – from Western classical to Arab oud and African drums – into a concert-producing outfit. 'Contagiously upbeat... a rousing call to arms for world-music aficionados, with strong appeal to those who believe in the mini-miracles of neighborhood cultural initiatives.' (*Deborah Young, Variety*)

**UK premiere - Thanks to Wide Management (France)**

**Switzerland, 2006, Subtitles, 93 mins**

## I Served the King of England <sup>(PR)</sup>

*(Obsluhoval jsem anglického krále)*

**Jiri Menzel**

**14:30, Studio**

Menzel has adapted one of the late Bohumil Hrabal's novels before: *Closely Observed Trains*, a seminal film of the 60's. Amazingly, he's still directing, and still on form, with this picaresque story of a Czech everyman Jan Dítě (literally John Child). Jan resolves to reach the top of the hotel trade, despite minor problems like the onset of World War II, and his chronic tendency towards bad luck and black humour. The film manages to remain funny, sexy and sensual – with more than a nod towards silent comedy – even as the story deepens and darkens. 'A visual extravaganza. There are beautiful touches of magic realism...and many of the film's flashback moments feel like mini comedy classics in their own right.' (*Amber Wilkinson, Eye for Film*)

**NW England premiere – thanks to Arrow Film Distributors**

**Czech Republic/Slovakia, 2006  
Subtitles, 120 mins**



## The Savages <sup>(15)</sup>

**Tamara Jenkins**

**14:30, Alhambra**

It's nearly a decade since Jenkins' debut with *The Slums of Beverly Hills*. Here she writes and directs what is clearly an autobiographical project that she crafts into a dark comedy. Oscar-nominated Laura Linney and Philip Seymour Hoffman are thoroughly convincing as middle-aged siblings unexpectedly and unwontedly thrown together by the increasing dementia of their father (Philip Bosco). It's a rare film that provokes reviewers to wish there had been more exposition, but just whatever happened to the missing Mom? Watch and decide. Otherwise, the combination of laughter and pain lift this well clear of worthiness into good entertainment. 'With the help of acting giants, Jenkins turns *The Savages* into a twisted, bittersweet pleasure.' (*Peter Travers, Rolling Stone*)

**Thanks to Film Quest**

**US, 2007, 114 mins**

## Don't Touch the Axe <sup>(PG)</sup>

*(Ne touchez pas la hache)*

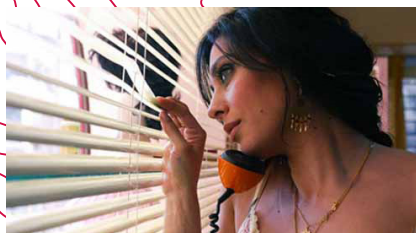
**Jacques Rivette**

**14:30, Theatre**

Rivette is 79 but still a pioneer of the *nouvelle vague*. Here he adapts a Balzac novella set in the early nineteenth century. It's a 'subtle and beautifully mounted' (*Philip French, The Observer*) account of the pursuit by a nobleman of a married woman, who has hidden from his obsessive pursuit in a Mallorca convent. She is played by a vibrant Jeanne Balibar, opposite Gérard Depardieu's lookalike son Guillaume, and who here is the pursuer and who the pursued? The film's languid camerawork and careful directorial distance make for a treat. 'A nearly impeccable work of art — beautiful, true, profound.' (*Manohla Dargis, New York Times*)

**Thanks to Artificial Eye**

**France/Italy, 2007, Subtitles, 138 mins**



## Children of Glory <sup>(15)</sup>

*(Szabadság, szerelem)*

**Krisztina Goda**

**17:00, Alhambra**

A pampered sports star, a water-polo player, falls for a student activist. This is Hungary in the 1950's, where the parents of scriptwriter Joe Esterhasz (*Jagged Edge*, *Basic Instinct*) emigrated from. And so the movie – made in Hungary by a Hungarian crew – moves gradually towards its twin climaxes: the unsuccessful revolution of 1956, and the Olympic water polo match in the same year, between Hungary and the USSR, in which there was 'blood in the water'. 'The film has been given the polished Hollywood treatment, but its feel is no less authentic for that...for me (the characters) are symbols of the tragedy that befell my country' (*Monica Porter, daughter of Hungarian revolutionaries and reviewer for The Times*)

**Thanks to Lionsgate Films**

**Hungary, 2006, Subtitles, 120 mins**

## Caramel (PR)

*(Sukkar banat)*

**Nadine Labaki**

**17:30, Theatre**

Labaki directs, co-writes and leads this crackling ensemble piece set in Beirut. She plays Layale, a beauty-shop owner with a settled relationship at the centre of a medley of women with problems. But all is not as it seems: here 'caramel' is not just sweet, but a painful depilatory. And in the movie her settled relationship turns out to be with a man married to someone else. The friendship of the group of women is complicated by sectarian division – yet still manages to survive and thrive in such a cosmopolitan city. Even lesbianism, albeit subtly treated, has its moments. 'Effortlessly empathetic' (*Kenneth Turan, LA Times*)

**NW England premiere – Thanks to Momentum Pictures**

**France/Lebanon, 2007, Subtitles 95 mins**



## The Unknown Woman (PR)

(La Sconosciuta)

### Giuseppe Tornatore

20:00, Theatre

It's 20 years since Tornatore's Cinema Paradiso won the best foreign-language Oscar. Nowadays he's on a seemingly endless project to complete Sergio Leone's film-work about the Leningrad siege. But here he takes a break to make for himself a multi-award-winning dark thriller that's also a moving melodrama with an Ennio Morricone score. Russian actress Ksenia Rappoport plays a Ukrainian immigrant to Italy. Her seemingly quiet country life in her 30's gradually turns out to be not what it seems, as the horrors of her past life lead up to a violent present - where Michele Placido features as a particularly convincing Mafia sadist and Rappoport sustains our sympathy for her in spite of everything.

'As haunting and beautiful as it is disturbing' *Montage*

**NW England premiere - Thanks to Transmedia Releasing**

**Italy/France, 2006, Subtitles, 118 mins**

## There Will Be Blood (15)

### Paul Thomas Anderson

20:00, Alhambra

Anderson's latest succeeds in being both miniature and epic in its story of early oilman Plainview, played with fanatical absorption by Daniel Day-Lewis (winning the Oscar for best actor), and his confrontation with preacher Eli Sunday. The director takes tremendous risks, for instance casting Paul Dano unrealistically as both Sunday and Sunday's own brother, or letting the camera drift over scenes languidly, or allowing Jonny Greenwood's score to soar over the soundtrack. The story is both relevant - to today's battles over oil and religion - yet timeless. Some even claim it has 'overshot the runway of movie modernity with something thrillingly, dangerously new.' (*Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian*)

**Thanks to Buena Vista International**

**US, 2007, 158 mins**

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## Theatre by the Lake

Theatre (Main House)

Studio

## Alhambra Cinema

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### Thursday

18:30 Opening Party (Passholders & Guests)

19:30 Opening Film TBC

### Friday

12:00 *Libero*

14:15 *Ahlaam*

15:00

17:00 *Silent Light* *The Class*

18:00

20:15 *Private Property*

20:30

*The Jokers*

*Hannibal Brooks*

*Lars and the Real Girl*

### Saturday

12:00 *Juno*

14:30 *Beaufort*

15:00 *Michael Winner Talk*

17:00

17:30 *Death Wish* *Grow Your Own*

20:00

20:15 *No Country For Old Men*

22:30

*The Italian*

*Joy Division*

*The Edge of Heaven*

*Honeydripper*

*The Orphanage*

### Sunday

10:30 *Shorts Competition*

12:00 *Earth* *L'Orchestra di Piazza Vittorio*

14:30 *Don't Touch the Axe* *I Served the King of England*

17:00

17:30 *Caramel*

20:00 *The Unknown Woman*

*Water Lilies*

*The Savages*

*Children of Glory*

*There Will be Blood*

\* Films subject to change