



2012 1-10th March

PREVIEW

Ten days of films and events in and around Swindon



Benda Bilili!

Thursday 1 March 7:30 pm The Post Modern
Congo/France | 2011 | 85 mins | Cert PG

The amazing - and true! - story of a group of disabled Congolese musicians who set out to be the best band in Kinshasa, and ended up topping the bill on the world stage. Inspiring and uplifting!



Dreams of a Life

Friday 2 March 6:30 pm Swindon Dance Theatre
UK | 2011 | 95 mins | Cert 12A

Would anybody miss you? Nobody missed Joyce Vincent when she died in her bedsit in North London in 2003.... This haunting and compassionate film is a thought-provoking document of our times.



In A Better World

Friday 2 March 8:30 pm Swindon Dance Theatre
Denmark | 2011 | 119 mins | Cert 15

A powerful and absorbing drama, about two families and their confrontation with power, pain, revenge....and forgiveness. Winner of 2011 Best Foreign Language Film Oscar.



Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy

Friday 2 March 7:00 pm Wootton Bassett School
UK | 2011 | 127 mins | Cert 15

Oscar nominated adaptation of John le Carré's novel. Gary Oldman is George Smiley, intent on trapping the mole at the heart of MI6. Colin Firth and John Hurt are among the stellar cast. All tickets £5.



Arrietty

Saturday 3 March 4:30 pm Swindon Central Library
Japan | 2011 | 94 mins | Cert U

Mary Norton's classic story 'The Borrowers' is the inspiration for this enchanting animation, from the same studio as 'Howl's Moving Castle' and 'Ponyo'.



The Mill and the Cross

Saturday 3 March 6:30 pm Swindon Central Library
Poland | 2011 | 92mins | Cert 15

What would it be like to *be inside* a great work of art? Auteur Lech Majewski brings to life a Bruegel masterpiece, melding art, history and religion... spilling out of the canvas, drawing us into the screen.



The Way of the Morris

Sunday 4 March 2:30 pm The Post Modern
UK | 2011 | 70 mins | Cert 12A

Engaging, informative, amusing, moving....this gentle documentary, filmed in Oxfordshire, gives some fascinating insights into one of our oldest folk traditions. You'll never laugh at a Morris dancer again!



Resistance

Sunday 4 March 5:00 pm The Post Modern
UK | 2011 | 92 mins | Cert PG

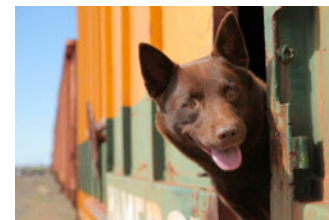
Wales, 1944. The Allied invasion of Europe has failed and Britain is now under Nazi occupation....this haunting film, more a story of love and loss than war, imagines what we might do to survive.



The Guard

Sunday 4 March 8:00 pm The Post Modern
Ireland | 2011 | 96 mins | Cert 15

Offbeat, raucous, hilarious... a crackerjack comedy! Brendan Gleeson leads as an unorthodox Irish cop who teams up with an uptight FBI agent to investigate an international drug-smuggling ring.



Red Dog

Monday 5 March 7:30 pm Ellendune Centre, Wroughton
Australia | 2011 | 92 mins | Cert PG

An instant Aussie classic and a great family film, it's based on the legendary story of the Red Dog who united a local community while roaming the outback in search of his long lost master...



Midnight in Paris

Tuesday 6 March 8:15 pm Cricklade Town Hall

US | 2011 | 94 mins | Cert 12A

Woody Allen's latest comedy drama is a romantic journey that takes us not only to modern-day Paris, but also magically transports us back to the city in the 1920's - enjoyable, funny, and sweetly surreal...



Just Do It!

Wednesday 7 March 6:30 pm The Post Modern

UK | 2011 | 90 mins | Cert 12A

Who are these people? Emily James' documentary follows some of our modern-day outlaws, who blockade factories, attack coal power stations and glue themselves to the trading floors of banks



Tyrannosaur

Wednesday 7 March 8:30 pm The Post Modern

UK | 2011 | 123 mins | Cert 18

Lauded with awards and accolades, Paddy Constadine's directoral debut is not an easy watch - "brutal, frank, but ultimately rewarding", it's the story of two violent men and their search for redemption.



Mao's Last Dancer

Thursday 8 March 7:45 pm Northview Centre, Highworth

Australia | 2009 | 117 mins | Cert 12A

An inspiring and moving film, based on the life of ballet dancer Li Cunxin and his extraordinary journey from a poor upbringing in rural China to international stardom.



Pina

Friday 9 March 5:30 pm Swindon Dance Theatre

Germany | 2011 | 106 mins | Cert U

Part documentary, part celebration! - Wim Wender's tribute to the unique and influential choreographer Pina Bausch is a visually stunning journey of discovery. (Film start 6:30 pm)



Chico and Rita

Friday 9 March 8:30 pm Swindon Dance Theatre

Spain | 2010 | 94 mins | Cert 15

Cuba, 1948. Chico is a young piano player with big dreams. Rita is a beautiful singer with an extraordinary voice. This ravishing, romantic animation follows their story through fame, heartache, and love.



Eliminate: Archie Cookson

Saturday 10 March 6:30 pm Swindon Dance Theatre

UK | 2011 | 88 mins | Cert 15

Archie, a washed-up British spy, is surprised when he becomes an assassination target. Very dry and quirky, this spoof thriller, filmed in Bristol, will be introduced by its writer/director Rob Holder.



The Well Digger's Daughter

Saturday 10 March 8:30 pm Swindon Dance Theatre

France | 2011 | 107 mins | Cert PG

Daniel Auteuil directs and leads this romantic period drama about a peasant farmer who is torn between his sense of honour and his love for his daughter, when she becomes pregnant at the outset of WW1.

Over the next few weeks we will be adding information about these films and other Festival events to our website

www.swindonfilmfestival.org

and on our facebook page

www.facebook.com/swindon.film.festival

ADVANCE TICKETS will be on sale from Wednesday 1 February from the **Visitor Information Centre in Swindon Central Library**. You can pay in cash, by cheque, or by debit/credit card. Opening hours are Monday to Saturday 10.00 - 16:00.

You can book:

- In person: at the Central Library, Regent Circus, Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 1QG
- By phone: 01793 466454
- By e-mail: infocentre@swindon.gov.uk

TICKET PRICES are:

£5 - standard

£4 - concessions

Children under 16 are welcome if accompanied by a responsible adult, and subject to the film classification and suitability. Children's ticket prices are £1 for Arrietty and Red Dog, and £3 for other U, PG, and 12A films.

ADVANCED BOOKING DISCOUNT - 4 TICKETS FOR THE PRICE OF 3 - buy any 4 tickets, either for the same film, or for different films, and get the cheapest one free.

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