



# chester film society 2013-2014

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All performances at **7.45pm**

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## Membership application

Send to:  
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Handbridge,  
Chester CH4 7EY

Membership Subscription is £38  
per person for 18 films.  
I/we enclose £  for 2013/2014  
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## About us

For the past four decades Chester Film Society has given the people of Chester and the surrounding areas the chance to experience some of the finer films of world cinema in a relaxing and appreciative atmosphere.

Our programme this season provides a selection of films chosen by members and a series of new releases that have not been shown in Chester together with a Film Classic. Where the films are in a foreign language there will be English subtitles. The films shown have varying themes and genres, but are chosen to interest, intrigue and entertain.

We are delighted to offer both members and guests a friendly, welcoming film society with a diverse mix of film and film-related social events.

## When and where (see map)

This season we are using in total three venues with all screenings starting at **7.45pm**. Where short films are scheduled (see detailed programme) these will be screened at **7.45pm** prior to the main film. Doors will be open from **7.15pm**. Please note disabled parking and access are available at all venues except The Little Theatre.

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## Membership

If you wish to become a member of Chester Film Society, please fill in the application form overleaf and send it with a SAE to:

**Rachel Cross, 9 Percy Road, Handbridge, Chester CH4 7EY**  
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The subscription fee is £38 per person and covers 18 films in this season's programme 2013/2014.

## Guests are welcome

Guest tickets are £3.50 each and should be booked in advance by telephoning:-  
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## Committee

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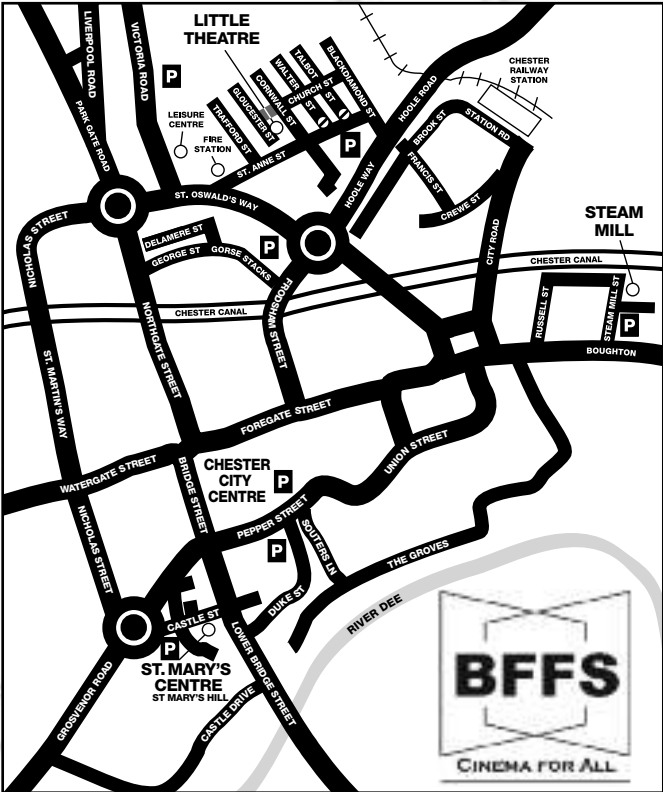
## Special Events

**WELCOME DRINKS RECEPTION**  
7pm The Little Theatre October 1st

**CHRISTMAS RECEPTION** 7pm St Mary's Centre December 10th  
**SOCIAL EVENT** Saturday 7.15pm St Mary's Centre February 8th

**28TH CHESTER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CIFF**  
**THURSDAY** March 6th to March 15th

Visit us at **www.chesterfilmfans.co.uk**  
for more details on the films and audience reactions  
Films subject to availability.



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### 24th September | The Little Theatre LT

## Argo

USA | 2012 | 115 mins  
**Director** Ben Affleck | **Starring** Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston, Alan Arkin  
This historical thriller based on the book 'The Master of Disguise' recounts the events in 1979 Teheran of the rescue of six diplomats held in the US Embassy during the Iranian Revolution . One man Tony Mendes (Ben Affleck ) has the sole responsibility to free them. The hastily recruited CIA team pose as a film crew to gain access to the Embassy with a daring, as it is, desperate plan.

*Winner Best Picture Academy Award 2012*  
*Winner BAFTA Best Film in English Language*  
*'Nerve-shredding tension 'Shortlist*

### 1st October | The Little Theatre LT

Preceded by welcome drinks reception

## El Espiritu de la Colmena (The Spirit of the Beehive)

Spain | 1973 | 97 mins plus short film  
**Director** Victor Erice | **Starring** Ana Torrent  
This masterpiece of Spanish cinema was Erice's debut and overall is a symbolic representation of the Fascist's defeat of Socialism in 1940 and its devastating effect on society. The symbolism is depicted as a touching tale of a six year olds girl's love and concern for a young, wounded Republican soldier, Jose Villasante, whom she conflates with Frankenstein. The girl Ana, is played by Ana Torrent. The other members of her family, her father, mother and sister have other personal concerns, and to a greater or lesser degree represent the forces of Fascism. Ana attempts to provide succour for 'Frankenstein', who is concealed in a remote mountain sheep-fold, but her father follows her!

### 15th October | The Little Theatre LT

## Untouchable

France | 2011 | 112 mins  
**Director** Eric Toledano | **Starring** Francois Cluzet, Omar Sy  
Based on a true story of an unlikely friendship between a handicapped millionaire Alan (Francois Cluzet) and his street smart ex convict carer Jean (Omar Sy). This uplifting film depicts the unlikely camaraderie rooted in honesty and humour between the two strong willed individuals who on the surface would seem to have nothing in common but who develop a strong bond which overcomes the trials of life.  
*Winner Best Actor Renoir Award France 2012 - Omar Sy*  
*Winner Grand Prix Tokyo Best Film 2011*

### 29th October | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Berberian Sound Studio

UK | 2011 | 97 mins plus short film  
**Director** Peter Strickland | **Starring** Toby Jones, Susanna Cappellaro, Antonio Mancino  
A mousy repressed English sound engineer Gilderoy (Toby Jones) comes to Italy sometime in the seventies to work in a drab post-production studio. But then, it becomes a terrifying case of life imitating art. A homage to the great artfully Italian *giallo* horror flicks of the seventies. But this is a bloodless corpseless movie; there are no bad guys and no real violence. Those with a flair for the offbeat might find themselves unnerved and riveted.  
*Film of the year 2012 - Mark Kermode*

### 5th November | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Jagten (The Hunt)

Sweden | 2012 | 115 mins  
**Director** Thomas Vinterberg | **Starring** Mads Mikklesen, Thomas Bo Larsen, Annika Wedderkopp  
Lucas (Mads Mikklesen) is a teacher who lives a lonely life all the while struggling over the custody of his son. His life slowly gets better when he finds love and at the same time receives good news regarding his son. However his new luck is about to be brutally shattered by an innocent little call.  
*Nominated Best Film not in the English Language BAFTA 2013*  
*Winner Best Actor Cannes Film Festival 2012 - Mads Mikklesen*

### 19th November | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Lore

Germany/Australia/ UK | 2012 | 109 mins  
**Director** Cate Shortland | **Starring** Saskia Rosendahl, Kai-Peter Malina, Nele Trebs  
In 1945 at the end of WW2; the Third Reich is collapsing. Lore's (Saskia Rosendahl) parents are arrested and she, plus her four younger siblings, embark on a 500km trek to their grandmother across fragmenting Germany. On the journey they receive help from Thomas (Kai-Peter Malina), a mysterious Jewish refugee; the type of person they had been taught to hate. Through this Lore comes face-to-face with her adolescent sexuality and also with her part in the anti-Semitic beliefs of her family and the Nazi party.  
*Nomination Best Foreign Language Academy Award 2013*  
*"A lyrical, deeply-affecting study into a rarely seen legacy of the holocaust" - Megan Lehmann - The Hollywood Reporter*

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### 26th November | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Habemus Papam (We have a Pope)

Italy | 2012 | 104 mins  
**Director** Nanni Moretti | **Starring** Michel Piccoli  
Director Nanni Moretti ("The Son's Room") joins forces with famous French actor Michel Piccoli in a tragicomedy that explores the struggles of Cardinal Melville (Michel Piccoli) a newly elected pope coming to terms with his new position. The hidden rituals of the Vatican's conclave are revealed and Piccoli (86 years old and a favourite actor of atheist director Luis Bunuel) gives an endearing gravitas to his leading role. This film is a humane exploration of doubt, faith, weakness and resolve; a gentle satire equally enjoyable to those who Believe and to those who don't!

### 10th December | St Mary's Centre SMC

Preceded by Christmas Reception

## Tetro

USA/Argentina/Spain | 2009 | 127 mins  
**Director** Francis Ford Coppola | **Starring** Vincent Gallo, Maribel Verdu, Alden Ehrenreich  
A bitter sweet story of two brothers Tetro (Vincent Gallo), and Bennie (Alden Ehrenreich) who used to live together within a highly creative Argentine - Italian family with all the to be expected associated conflicts. Tetro is now living in self imposed exile when an unexpected visit from his younger brother Bennie drags up painful memories and dark family secrets which he has to painfully reconcile.

### 14th January | The Steam Mill SM

## Le Hérisson (The Hedgehog)

France | 2009 | 99 mins  
**Director** Mona Achache | **Starring** Josiane Balasco, Garance Guillermic  
Set in a grand Parisian apartment building, an unlikely friendship is formed between Madame Michel (Josiane Balasco), the prickly concierge and 11 year old Paloma (Garance Guillermic) a highly intelligent but depressed girl who records, with her father's camcorder, the hypocrisy of bourgeois life around her. However, the females' negative attitudes are challenged by the arrival of a new tenant the mysterious Mr Ozu.  
*"An odd but intriguing watch" - The Guardian*

### 21st January | The Steam Mill SM

## The Angels' Share

UK | 2012 | 97 mins plus short film  
**Director** Ken Loach | **Starring** Paul Brannigan, John Henshaw  
A light and often touching comedy about a young wayward and disillusioned thug from a Glasgow slum. Robbie (Paul Brannigan), in court about to be sentenced for assault, is given one last chance to turn his life around and is assigned community service under the supervision of a kindly mentor Harry (John Henshaw). However along with three friends he embarks on an adventure encouraged by Harry and finds himself at a whisky distillery where he realises that the drinks business – not cheap fortified wine but the best malt whiskies in the world - might offer him an unlikely chance of redemption.  
*Winner Best Director Cannes Film Festival 2012 Jury Prize - Ken Loach*  
*Nomination Palme d'Or Best Director 2012 - Ken Loach*

### 28th January | The Steam Mill SM

## Jägarna 2 (False Trail)

Sweden | 2011 | 129 mins  
**Director** Kjell Sundvall | **Starring** Rolf Lassgård, Peter Stormare  
Detective Erik (Rolf Lassgård) reluctantly returns to his home town in the northernmost part of Sweden to investigate a seemingly straightforward case – the disappearance of a young woman. On his return Lassgård meets with corruption and small town politics but also with the aftermath of the death of his brother. He comes into conflict with local cop and longtime foe played by the formidable Peter Stormare.

*"Once you get a hold of the complex backstory, the result is both gripping and disturbing" – The Observer*

### 4th February | St Mary's Centre SMC

## A Late Quartet

USA | 2012 | 105 mins  
**Director** Yaron Zilberman | **Starring** Christopher Walken, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Catherine Keener, Mark Ivanir  
Peter (Christopher Walken), cellist and lynch-pin of "The Fugue" string quartet, is diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. The news of his illness is greeted with shock, horror and sadness by the other members of the quartet (first violinist Daniel, Mark Ivanir, and the second violinist Robert, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and violist Juliette, Catherine Keener), for the quartet is more than a musical group: it has become a family unit and a shelter. With the impending departure of Peter their leader and mediator, the other members of the quartet must face their futures alone.  
*"A heartfelt, intelligent, unassumingly well constructed picture." - The Guardian*

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### 18th February | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Amour

France | 2012 | 117 mins  
**Director** Michael Haneke | **Starring** Jean-Louis Trintignant, Emmanuelle Riva  
An intimate moving and merciless portrayal of the relationship between a retired couple Anne (Emmanuelle Riva) and Georges (Jean-Louis Trintignant) who are elderly but still maintain their interest in culture and especially music. The couple's bond of love is severely tested when one of them suffers a stroke. As the life they know gradually disappears you are aware of how it will end. You are taken on that journey.  
*Winner Best Foreign Language Film 2012 Academy Award*  
*Winner Best Leading Actress Emmanuelle Riva 2012 BAFTA*

## 28th Chester International Film Festival CIFF 6th - 15th March

### Thursday 6th March | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Mao's Last Dancer

Australia/China | 2009 | 117 mins  
**Director** Bruce Beresford | **Starring** Chi Cao, Bruce Greenwood, Penne Hackforth-Jones  
Li Cunxin's best-selling 2003 autobiography told of his barely credible journey from poverty-stricken peasant childhood in rural China during the Cultural Revolution to becoming one of the West's leading classical ballet stars. Bruce Beresford's handsome movie version captures the epic simplicity of Li's story. Chi Cao, Principal Dancer of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, brilliantly plays the title role where the choreography is a big factor in the film's strong emotional impact. A feel-good film bursting with courage, energy and overwhelming inspiration.  
*Winner Best Music Score 2009 Australian Film Institute*  
*Best Foreign Language Film 2009 Sao Paulo Film Festival*

### 11th March | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Tambien La Lluvia (Even the Rain)

Spanish/Mexico/France | 2010 | 103 mins  
**Director** Iciar Bollain | **Starring** Gael Garcia Bernal, Luis Tosar, Karra Elejalde  
Sebastian (Gael Garcia Bernal) is a film director who along with his hard nosed producer Costa (Luis Tosar) sets out to make a revisionist drama shot in Bolivia about the Spanish conquest of the Americas. Sebastian casts a local man Daniel as the chieftain who led a rebellion against the Spaniards. Unbeknown to the director Daniel is leading his community's demonstrations against the government's decision to privatise water. As filming progresses the two stories - the 1512 rebellion and the twenty-first century riots serve to underline the impact of colonisation of the New World and the continuing exploitation of its resources by outsiders.

### 25th March | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Shadow Dancer

UK | 2011 | 105 mins  
**Director** James Marsh | **Starring** Andrea Riseborough, Clive Owen, Gillian Anderson  
Single minded Colette McVeigh (Andrea Riseborough) is a Republican living in Belfast with her mother and hardline IRA brothers when she is arrested for her part in an aborted bomb plot. While awaiting trial in London an MI5 officer 'Mac' (Clive Owen) offers her a chance - lose everything and go to prison for 25 years or return to Belfast to spy on her own family. With her son's life in her hands Collette chooses to place her trust in 'Mac' but at what cost ?  
*"Riveting - dramatically rock solid" - Daily Telegraph*

### 1st April | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Japanese animation Hotaru no haka (Grave of the Fireflies)

Japan | 1988 | 89 mins plus short film  
**Director** Isao Takahata | **Starring** Tsutomu Tatsumi, Ayano Shiraiishi  
Re-released in 2013 to mark its 25th anniversary, this movie from Japan's Studio Ghibli has rightly earned a reputation as an animation classic. Based on Akiyuki Nosaka's semi-autobiographical novel, it focuses on a teenager and his sister struggling to survive in the last year of WW2. Parentless and homeless, they are forced to wander the countryside, beset by hunger, American bombings and the self-serving indifference of adults. The waste and futility of war has never been so beautifully told.  
*"An emotional experience so powerful that it forces a rethinking of animation." - Roger Ebert*

### 8th April | St Mary's Centre SMC

## Headhunters

Norway/Sweden | 2011 | 109 mins  
**Director** Morten Tyldum | **Starring** Aksel Hennie, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Synnøve Macody Lund, Eivind Sander  
Roger Brown (Aksel Hennie) has a pretty good life. He's a corporate recruiter - a headhunter - who goes home at night to a magnificent house and beautiful trophy wife. But how does he support the lavish lifestyle? High-priced art theft of course! And when he starts stealing from his latest client, things go wrong and we are soon drawn into a cat-and-mouse game of wits that he must win.  
*"Each surprise is cleverly prepared for in this cool intelligent movie" - The Observer*

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