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Membership application

Membership Subscription is £40 per person for 19 films.
I/we enclose £ for 2015/2016 membership of Chester Film Society.
Please make cheque payable to Chester Film Society.
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Chester Film Society

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chester film society 2015-2016

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27th October 2015 St Mary's Centre	SMC	What We Do in the Shadows	New Zealand 2014 86 mins plus short film
3rd November 2015 The Grosvenor Museum	GM	Ida	Poland 2013 82 mins plus short film
17th November 2015 The Grosvenor Museum	GM	Two Days, One Night (Deux Jours, Une Nuit)	France/Belgium 2014 95 mins
24th November 2015 The Grosvenor Museum	GM	Wakolda	Argentina/France/Spain 2014 93 mins
8th December 2015 The Little Theatre	LT	Preceded by Christmas Reception	
Blancanieves		Spain 2012 104 mins	



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 includes a selection of films chosen by members and a series of new releases that have not been shown in Chester. 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 showing at four venues with all screenings on Tuesday evenings unless stated, 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

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The subscription fee is £40 per person and covers 19 films in this season's programme 2015/2016.

We regret that we are unable to accept credit card payments.

Guests are welcome

Guest tickets are £4 each and should be booked in advance by telephoning:-

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Committee

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Special Events

WELCOME DRINKS RECEPTION

7.15pm St Mary's Centre September 29th

CHRISTMAS RECEPTION 7.00pm The Little Theatre December 8th

SOCIAL NIGHT Saturday 7.15pm St Mary's Centre February 6th

30TH CHESTER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
INCORPORATING THE 3RD CHESTER ANIMATION FESTIVAL
February 23rd to March 8th, various venues

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for more details on the films and audience reactions

Films subject to availability.



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Tuesday 15th September | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

Nightcrawler

USA | 2014 | 117 mins

Director Dan Gilroy | **Starring** Jake Gyllenhaal, Rene Russo, Riz Ahmed

Louis Bloom (Jake Gyllenhaal) is struggling to make a living in Los Angeles when he stumbles upon the dangerous cut throat world of freelance crime journalism. He discovers that filming in this for T.V. coverage can be a quick way to make a ‘buck’. He is aided by Nina (Rene Russo) a ruthless veteran of T.V. news who encourages him to comb L.A.’s seedy underbelly for the most sensational news footage. He quickly finds out that he is uniquely suited for his new assignments for T.V. but events begin to spiral out of control as one dark choice leads to another.

A must see and much talked about film – The Telegraph
A tribute to the vile and a celebration of the dark – The Guardian

Tuesday 29th September | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

Preceded by welcome drinks reception

8½2

Italy | 1964 | 118 mins

Director Federico Fellini | **Starring** Claudia Cardinale, Marcello Mastroianni, Anouk Aimée

Guido (Marcello Mastroianni) is a successful film maker who embarking on his next film discovers he has no story to tell. While struggling to find the inspiration for his next film and harassed by his mistress Carla (Sandra Milo) and his wife Luisa Anselmi (Anouk Aimée) he increasingly retreats into a dreamy recollection of his life and lovers until fantasy, memories, and reality merge in his mind. When these are recreated on the silver screen these collective images create an astonishing and, masterful spectacle culminating in an electrifying triumph of optimism.

Extraordinary – Martin Scorsese
8½ is Fellini’s real masterpiece – The Guardian

Tuesday 6th October | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

Pride

UK | 2014 | 115 mins

Director Matthew Warchus | **Starring** Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton, Ben Schnetzer, Dominic West

Set in 1984 the year of the Miners’ Strike this extraordinary true story tells how a group of London based gay and lesbian activists raised funds to support the families of militant miners in Orllwyn a small mining village in S. Wales. Led by Mark (Ben Schnetzer) the Group set off into the unknown in a battered van to make the long and torturous journey to meet an uncertain welcome with Cliff (Bill Nighy) and Hefina (Imelda Staunton) the leaders of the local support group. Facing strong resistance will this be a very short visit?

A film that persuades that the good guys might actually have won in the end – The Guardian

Tuesday 13th October | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

Marshland (La Isla Minima)

Spain | 2014 | 105 mins

Director Alberto Rodriguez | **Starring** Javier Gutiérrez, Raúl Arévalo, Maria Varod

In 1980’s Spain after a series of brutal murders of adolescent girls in a remote and forgotten town two disparate detectives in the homicide squad – Juan (Javier Gutiérrez) and Pedro (Raúl Arévalo) are brought together to investigate the cases. The two detectives must put aside their differences if they are to successfully hunt down a killer who for years has terrorised a community.

A stunning atmospheric neo-noir from Alberto Rodriguez

Tuesday 27th October | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

What We Do in the Shadows

New Zealand | 2014 | 86 mins plus short film

Directors Jermaine Clement, Taika Waititi | **Starring** Jermaine Clement, Taika Waititi, Jonathan Brugh

Vladislav (Jermaine Clement), Deacon (Jonathan Brugh) and Viago (Taika Waititi) are hundred year old vampires who are finding that modern life has them struggling with the mundane - like paying the rent in their flat, keeping up with their chores, overcoming the conflicts arising with their flatmates and most of all trying to get into nightclubs. Their solutions to overcoming these problems provide a fascinating insight into the minds of this trio.

Nominated Best Film Berlin International Film Festival 2014
Sharp as fangs, this could be the funniest movie of the year – Total Film

Tuesday 3rd November | The Grosvenor Museum

GM

Ida

Poland | 2013 | 82 mins | plus short film

Director Pawel Pawlikowski | **Starring** Agata Kulesza, Agata Trzebuchowska, Dawid Ogrodnik

Anna (Agata Trzebuchowska) is an orphan brought up by nuns in a convent in 1962 Poland. She discovers that before she takes her vows her real name is Ida. This fact leads her on a journey to find her only living relative Wanda (Agata Kulesza) and to find out about her full background, Discovering through Wanda her Jewish roots they start a journey of discovery not only to uncover their family’s tragic story but to find out who they really are and where they belong. For Wanda the search leads to a final choice.

Winner Best Foreign Language Film Academy Awards 2014
Poetically filmed in black and white ‘Ida’ has a mesmerising and haunting quality ‘a masterwork of eerie perfection’ – The Telegraph

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Tuesday 17th November | The Grosvenor Museum

GM

Two Days, One Night (Deux Jours, Une Nuit)

France/Belgium | 2014 | 95 mins

Director Jean-Pierre Dardenne, Luc Dardenne
Starring Marion Cotillard, Fabrizio Rongione, Catherine Salee

Sandra (Marion Cotillard) married with two children has been off work with depression from Solwal, a Belgian company. In her absence her boss M. Dumont has taken up the suggestion from her immediate supervisor, the shop foreman Jean Marc (Fabrizio Rongione) that to achieve savings, he should consider a reduction of the workforce in the section of the company that Sandra works from seventeen to sixteen with a 1000 euro bonus for the sixteen. The person proposed to be made redundant is Sandra. To ensure labour relations M. Dumont decides the workforce should make the decision. On the Friday night before her restart the following Monday Sandra learns of this development and sets out to save her job.



Tuesday 24th November | The Grosvenor Museum

GM

Wakolda

Argentina/France/Spain | 2014 | 93 mins

Director Lucia Puenzo | **Starring** Alex Brendemühl, Natalie Oreiro, Diego Peretti

In 1960 Patagonia a local resident Wakolda (Alex Brendemühl) meets and teams up with an Argentinean family on a long desert journey to a small town. On arrival Eva (Natalia Oreiro), Enzo (Diego Peretti) and their three children welcome their fellow traveller into their home allowing him over time to befriend their children not knowing that they are harbouring one of the most dangerous wanted criminal in the world. However at the same time, unknown to them all, Israeli agents are desperately looking to bring their friend to justice.

Winner Best Foreign Language Film Academy Awards 2014

Tuesday 8th December | The Little Theatre

LT

Preceded by pre-Christmas drinks reception

Blancanieves

Spain | 2012 | 104 mins

Director Pablo Berger | **Starring** Maribel Verdú, Emilio Gavira, Daniel Cacho

Once upon a time there was a little girl who had never known her mother. She learned the art of her father, a famous bullfighter, but was hated by her evil stepmother. One day she ran away with a troupe of dwarfs, and became a legend. Based on the story of Snow White, this is anything but a children’s movie. It is a full-bodied, black-and-white silent film of the sort that might have been made by the greatest directors of the 1920s: a fantasia of film history, fairytales and Spanish folklore. And a little girl who loses everything.

Winner Best Film Gaudi Award 2013
‘A film to treasure’ – The Guardian

Tuesday 19th January | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

A Pigeon Sat on a Branch Reflecting on Existence

Denmark | 2014 | 101 mins

Director Roy Andersson | **Starring** Holger Andersson, Nils Westblom, Viktor Gyllenberg

Roy Andersson’s “Living” trilogy is concluded in style with these brilliantly absurd vignettes. In this film the Swedish master of comic absurdity gives us an aloof pigeon’s eye view of the curious nature of human busyness in which we take advantage of one another, and yet, Andersson assures us, things could be worse.

A glorious metaphysical burlesque” – Xan Brooks

Tuesday 26th January | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

The Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi)

Hong-Kong/China | 2013 | 130 mins

Director Kar Wai Wong | **Starring** Tony Chiu Wai, Qingxiang Wang

Ip Man’s (Tony Chiu) peaceful life in Foshan changes after Gong Yutian (Qingxiang Wang) seeks an heir for his family. Ip Man then meets Gong Er (Ziyi Zhang) who is anxious to regain the family’s honour and challenges him for the leadership of the community. Following the Second Sino Japanese War Ip Man moves to Hong Kong but struggles to provide for his family with the added complication that Gong Er is still choosing to physically challenge for the leadership. But will the new direct challenge be successful?

Full of atmosphere reminiscent of Scorsese – The Times

Tuesday 2nd February | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

Selma

USA/UK | 2014 | 128 mins

Director Ava DuVernay | **Starring** David Oyelowo, Tom Wilkinson, Carmen Ejogo, Tim Roth, Oprah Winfrey

A three month chronicle of the true events in 1965 when Dr Martin Luther King Jr (David Oyelowo) led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The march he led from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) signing the Voting Rights Act one of the most significant victories for the Civil Rights movement which prompted dramatic change that forever altered history.

Nomination Best Film Academy Award 2014

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SMC

Social Night

FILMS, FOOD & FUN!

30th Chester International Film Festival

23rd February - 8th March

Tuesday 23rd February | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

Wild Tales (Relatos Salvajes)

Argentina/Spain | 2014 | 122 mins

Director Damian Szifron | **Starring** Ricardo Darin, Oscar Martinez, Leonardo Sbaraglia, Erica Rivas

A series of vignettes – absurdly taut, funny and emotionally charged all with the common theme of revenge. Opening in an isolated late night diner where a waitress realises that the boorish customer she is serving is the man who ruined her life, revenge is best served cold. At a lavish wedding celebration the bride discovers her new husband has been unfaithful, how to overcome the tremendous loss of face? On an empty stretch of desert road a yuppie and an aged truck driver engage in increasingly funny and extreme road games to what end? An under pressure executive is brought to an explosive solution as he is pushed too far by the municipal parking authorities.

This black comedy is a delicious chocolate box of nastiness – The Guardian

Friday 26th February | Chester Cathedral (Refectory)

CC

Brooklyn

Ireland | 2015 | 105 mins

Director John Crowley | **Starring** Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent

Set in the 1950’s, Ellis (Saoirse Ronan), a young Irish woman emigrates to New York for better prospects. Initially she misses home but gradually she adapts to her new lifestyle helped considerably by her landlady Mrs Kehoe (Julie Walters) and her pastoral guide Father Flood (Jim Broadbent). In the course of studying she meets Tony (Emory Cohen) a fellow Italian immigrant and develops an emotional attachment leading to a secret marriage. She soon has to return to Ireland to support her mother, but her intention is to return to her husband Brook. However time is running out.

Tuesday 1st March | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

Phoenix

Germany/Poland | 2014 | 98 mins | plus short film

Director Christian Petzold | **Starring** Nina Hoss, Ronald Zehrfeld, Nina Kunzendorf

Set in 1946 West Germany Nelly (Nina Hoss) returns from captivity wanting everything to be exactly the way it was before WWII - including her appearance. But it isn’t. Presumed dead by her friends and relatives, fixated on the memories of her former life and unable to accept the shattered reality before her she returns to west Berlin to fulfil the dream that sustained her throughout her captivity. But will Johnny recognise her?

A Berlin thriller with a hint of Hitchcock – The Independent

Tuesday 8th March | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

Timbuktu

France/Mauritania | 2014 | 97 mins | plus short film

Director Abderrahmane Sissako | **Starring** Ibrahim Ahmed, Toulou Kiki

In the sandy dunes not far from Timbuktu Kidane (Ibrahim Ahmed) lives peacefully with his wife Satima (Toulou Kiki) his daughter Toya and their 12 year old shepherd Issan. Not far away in the nearby small town the tranquil atmosphere is destroyed by invading Jihadists who are determined to impose their faith and the associated restrictions Kidane and his family are being spared from the new chaos until their destiny changes when an isolated event involving their cattle herd brings into sharp focus the newly imposed merciless laws.

Academy Award nomination – Best Foreign Film 2014

Tuesday 15th March | St Mary’s Centre

SMC

X+Y (A Brilliant Young Mind)

UK | 2014 | 98 mins

Director Morgan Matthews | **Starring** Asa Butterfield, Rafe Spall, Sally Hawkins, Jo Yang

In a world difficult to comprehend the teenage Nathan (Asa Butterfield) struggles to connect with those around him – most of all his loving mother his only comfort being in numbers. When his new unconventional teacher Mr Humphreys (Rafe Spall) takes him under his wing the pair forge an unusual friendship with Nathan’s talents winning him a place in the UK team to compete in China at the International Mathematics Olympiad. From suburban England to bustling Taipei and back again, this original and warming film tracks the funny and complex relationship that Nathan builds for his Chinese counterpart the beautiful Zang Mei (Jo Yang).

Tuesday 29th March | The Little Theatre

LT

Members’ Choice

Our audience will preselect a film from the latest releases this night.

Tuesday 5th April | The Little Theatre

LT

Catch Me Daddy

UK | 2014 | 112 mins

Directors Daniel Wolfe, Matthew Wolfe | **Starring** Sameena Jabeen Ahmed, Connor McCarron, Gary Lewis

Leila (Sameena Jabeen Ahmed) is a young girl on the run from her family. She is hiding out in West Yorkshire with her drifter boyfriend Aaron (Connor McCarron) when her brother arrives in town with a gang of thugs in tow she is forced to flee for her life and has to face her darkest night.